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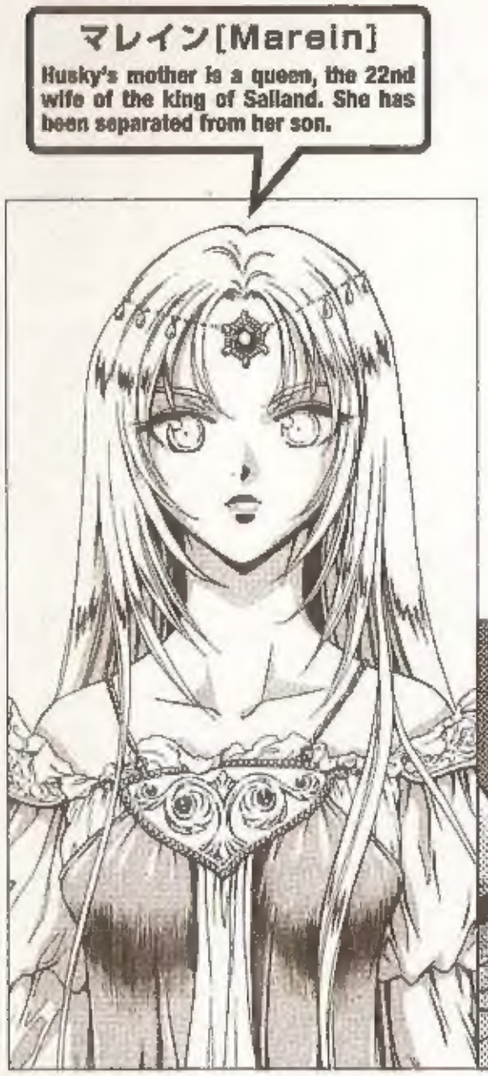

マレイン[Marein]
Husky's mother is a queen, the 22nd wife of the king of Salland. She has been separated from her son.

ナナ[Nana]
Bat +Anima. She can fly and has an ultrasonic screech. She loves pretty clothes and is scared of forests at night.

カザナ[Kazana]
Hawk +Anima. He lives in Salland and demands human rights and liberties for +Anima. He thinks Crystala's ideas are hypocritical.

クーロ[Cooro]
Crow +Anima. He spreads his pitch-black wings and soars to the sky. He's always on the lookout for something to eat.

ハスキー[Husky]
Fish +Anima. He can swim freely through water like a merman. He's a little stubborn and doesn't like girls.

センリ[Senri]
Bear +Anima. His sharp-clawed arm is amazingly strong. He doesn't talk very much.

Senri, who worked for Crystala when he was young, is put up for auction in the slave market. Crystala buys him, and he is able to join Cooro and Nana. Learning that Husky has been bought by Lord Hercius, a court painter, Cooro and the others sneak away from Crystala and steal Husky away.

Cooro and his three friends are all together again. Husky confesses that his mother is a queen of Sailand but that the royal palace is dangerous for intruders and he ought to go find her alone. When Kazana nominates himself to help, however, all five of them sneak into the castle.

Cooro and the others safely sneak Husky into the castle and find his mother, Marein. But on seeing Husky, Marein has Cooro and the others arrested! Then Marein gives them all food, and rejoices over her reunion with Husky with few words.

She tries to get Cooro and the others out of the castle before Husky's father, the king, finds them, but Kazana, who had disappeared at some point, is after the king's life...

In this world, there are those known as +Anima: humans who have within them the powers of animals. Cooro, a crow +Anima, meets Husky, a fish +Anima, who was putting on a mermaid princess sideshow, and takes him away from the circus.

The two of them agree to travel together, and are later joined by new companions: Senri, a bear +Anima, and Nana, a bat +Anima. And so, the four children's adventures began...

During their travels, after many encounters and partings, the four arrive in Sailand where Husky hopes to be reunited with his mother after a long separation.

In Sailand, where Husky was born, +Anima are treated as slaves. Soon after their arrival there, Husky and Senri are attacked by slave hunters and captured. At the same time, Cooro and Nana meet Crystala, the leader of a caravan, who takes them into her custody and guarantees their safety.

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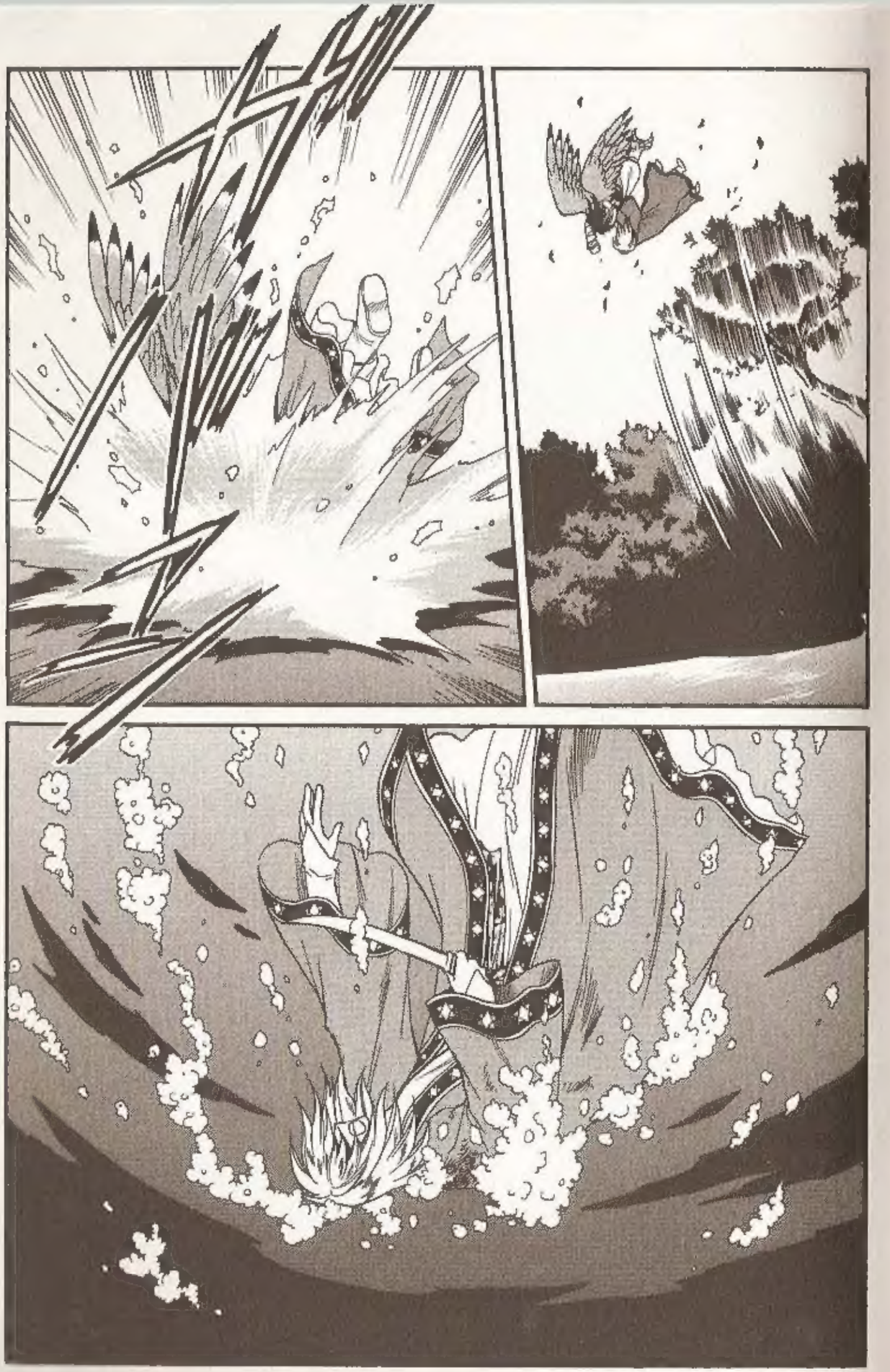
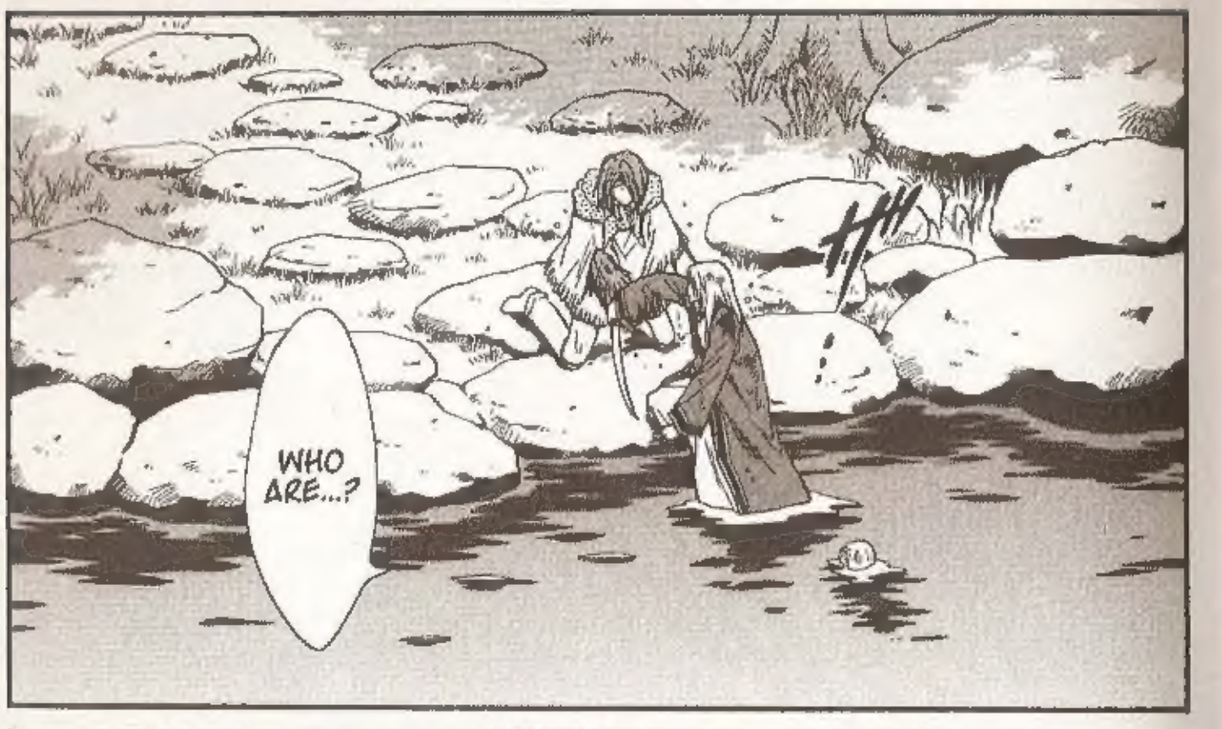


KYAAAAH!!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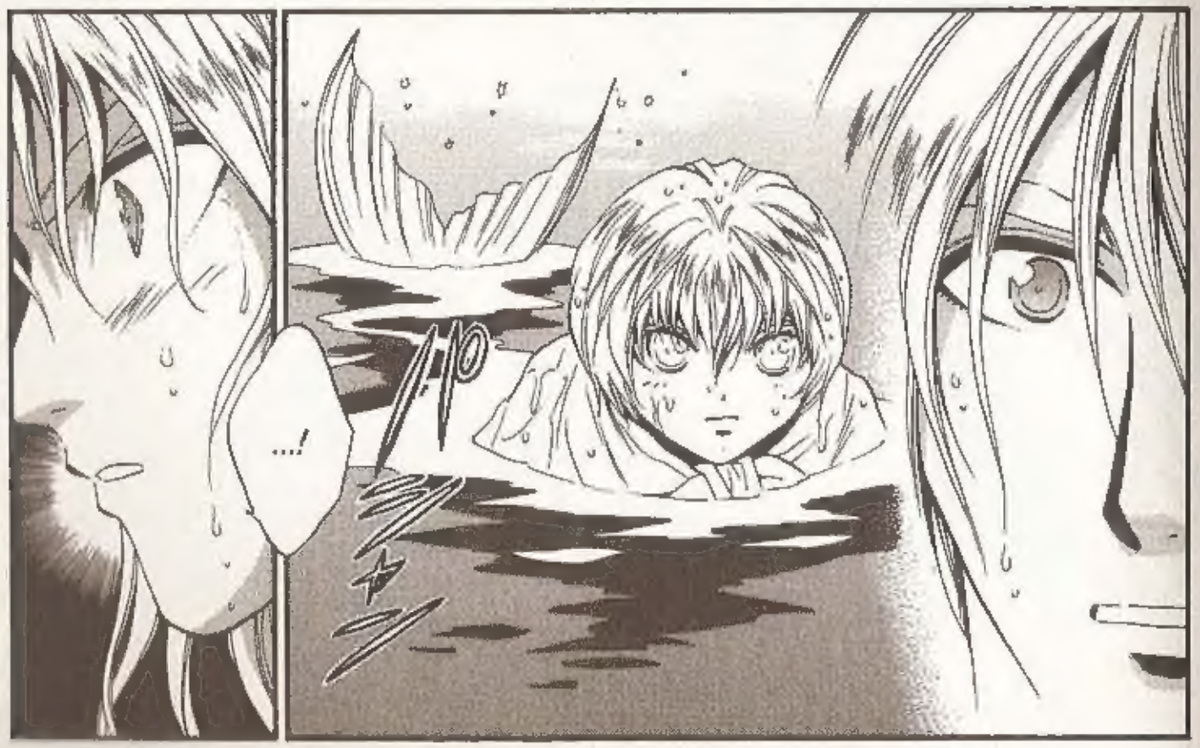
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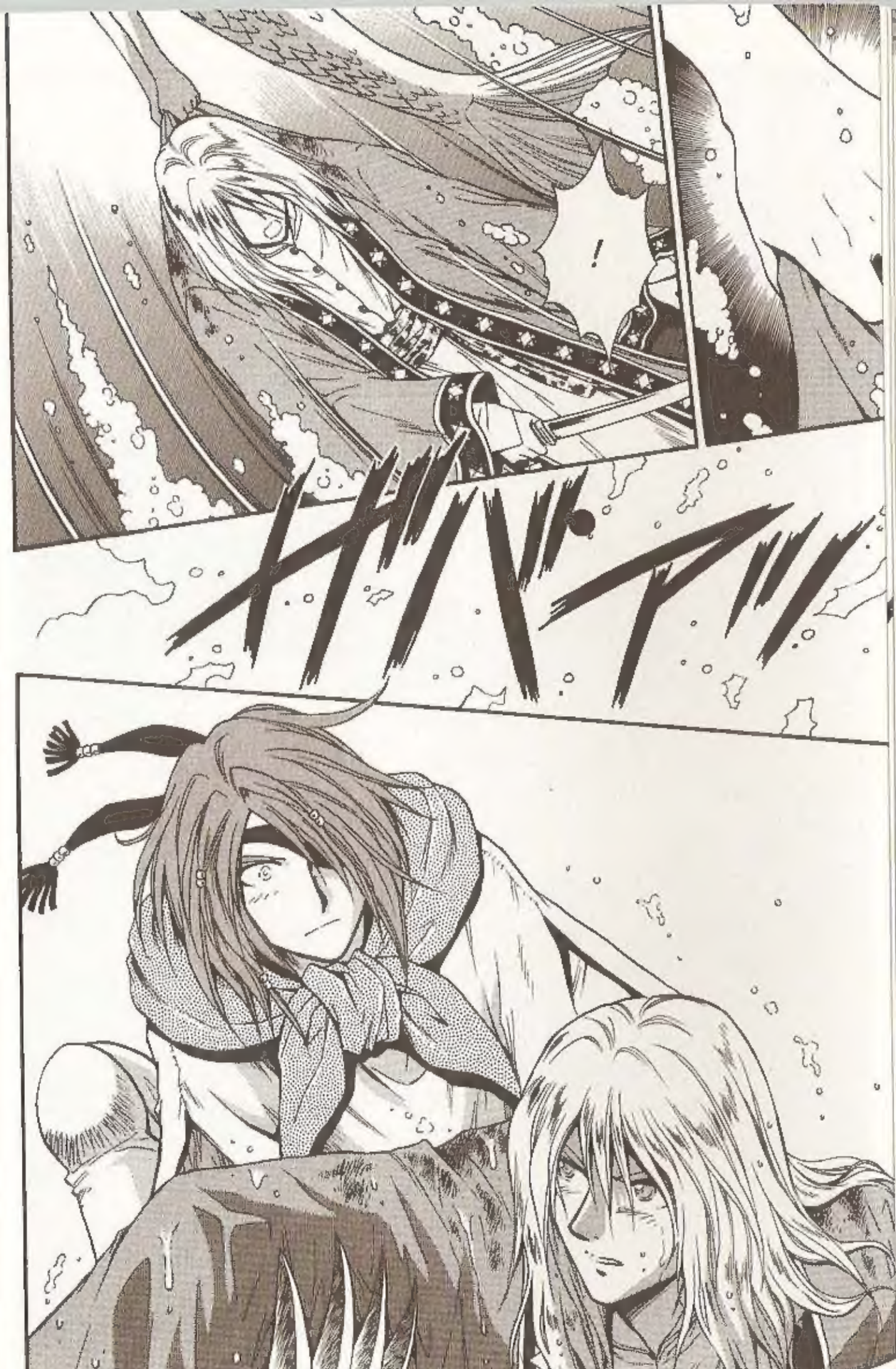
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GAAAH!!

GUH...!

CRYSTALA!

WATCH OUT!!

...I KNEW I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOU!!

WHEN I LEARNED THAT...

WE DON'T NEED TWO RULERS.

TWINS CAUSE FIGHTING OVER THE SUCCES-SION.

SO STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!

...BUT IF THE KING DIES, *YOU'D* BE THE *RULER* OF *SAILAND!*

THAT'S RIGHT...

I WON'T LET YOU GO ANY FARTHER!

KAZANA!

CRYSTALA ...

YOU'RE THE KING'S TWIN SISTER!!

YOU WERE IN A POSITION TO *REFORM SAILAND!* BUT YOU *THREW IT AWAY!*

OOOH ...

S-SISTER?!

HUH?!

WHAT?

IF PRINCE KEANE DIES, THE SECOND PRINCE WILL BE KING.

AND IF THE SECOND PRINCE DIES, THE *THIRD* PRINCE WILL BE KING.

SO...

...I WILL NEVER BE THE RULER.

THE NEXT RULER WILL BE THE OLDEST PRINCE, KEANE

TOMORROW HE TURNS THIRTEEN. HE WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME AN ADULT AND THE HEIR TO THE THRONE.

THE WAY SHE FIGHTS WITH THAT STAFF...

HUH?

KAZANA!!

CRYSTALA

LEAVE THE +ANIMA TO ME.

YOU MAY KNOW HIM...

...BUT WE CANNOT PARDON ASSAS-SINS.

ハル…

K

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT, BROTHER.

IT'S THE ONLY REASON I'M STILL ALIVE.

THE ONE WHERE IF ONE TWIN DIES, THE OTHER DIES WITH HIM?

AS YOU WISH.

AND DON'T MAKE A BIG SCENE. IT'S A DISGRACE THAT AN ASSASSIN WAS EVEN ALLOWED INSIDE OUR CASTLE.

TAKE HIM WITH YOU AND LEAVE THE CASTLE IMMEDIATELY.

SENRI ...

...PLEASE.

HE WON'T...

...BE ABLE TO ASSASSINATE ANYONE ANYMORE.

HUH?

NO...

I SUPPOSE YOU BELIEVE IN THE SUPERSTITION AS WELL.

YOU'RE NOT ATTACKING ME?

...THAT SILVER-HAIRED BOY...IT CAN'T BE--

MAREIN ...

THAT BOY...

I HEAR HE'S A FISH +ANIMA.

.....

SENRI, STOP IT.

HE'S... ALREADY ENDED UP THIS WAY, SO...

GRRRR.

Shake

Shake

Shake

Shake

WHAT, SENRI?

?

HUH?!

REALLY? I THOUGHT SO.

HE'S ALIVE.

SO SAPPHIRE, THE MERMAID I BOUGHT...

HMM...

HMMM...

...THAT I'M ALIVE.

...I WANTED TO LET HER KNOW...

HUH?!

YOU LIKE MISS CRYSTALA, DON'T YOU, HUSKY?

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A GIRL!

STAGGER

SO HUSKY HATES GIRLS THAT *AREN'T* MISS CRYSTALA EVEN MORE! ♡

OF COURSE! MISS CRYSTALA MAY BE A GIRL, BUT SHE'S NOT ALL CLINGY, AND SHE'S GALLANT AND BRAVE.

AND THEN... I DON'T REMEMBER.

CRYSTALA...

SHE *HIT ME*, DARN IT!

HUH?

IF MISS CRYSTALA IS THE KING'S *SISTER*, THEN THAT MEANS...

HER FIGHTING LOOKED LIKE YOURS, HUSKY.

CRYSTALA IS A MASTER AT STAFF FIGHTING.

I'D EXPECT NO LESS.

SHE USED TO COME TO THE HAREM SOMETIMES AND GIVE ME LESSONS.

AND THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME STAFF-FIGHTING.

SHE'S HUSKY'S *AUNT!*

THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?

I'LL ARRANGE FOR A SHIP TO TAKE YOU NORTH TO ASTARIA.

SO THEY'RE YOU ARE!

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?!

GAAHH!!!

DON'T GO MAKING UP STORIES LIKE THAT!!!

KONK

OOH, THAT MUST BE IT!

Injured person.

Ungh

...WITH THOSE THREE IN ASTARIA.

I'M GOING TO FIND A NEW LIFE FOR MYSELF..

WE GET TO GO TO ASTARIA ON A SHIP!

YAAAY!

WOW.

WHERE'D NANA GO?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

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YOU'VE MADE SOME GOOD FRIENDS...

HUSKY.

YES.

...FOR COMING BACK TO ASTARIA WITH US.

THANK YOU...

HUSKY...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

WOW, NANA! YOU HAVE NEW CLOTHES!

WHAT DO WE THINK?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I MADE THEM OUT OF SOME OLD CLOTHES I GOT FROM MISS CRYSTALA. ♡

WELL, WE'RE GOING BACK TO ASTARIA, SO WE OUGHT TO DRESS ACCORDINGLY!

NEVER MIND JUST TRY THESE ON!

I KNOW THAT!

Huff

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING BACK FOR YOU, NANA!

DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE. ♡

AREN'T YOU HAPPY?

WOW!

HEY! CRYSTALA'S OLD CLOTHES?

COORO.

HUH?

.....

I'VE HEARD THAT +ANIMA POSSESS PEOPLE ASKING FOR THEIR HELP, BUT--

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANY +ANIMA ONCE YOU'RE FULFILLED?

I THINK I'M HAPPY...

...EVEN THOUGH I'M A +ANIMA.

DOES THAT MEAN THE SAME AS HAPPY?

FULFILLED?

HUH?

WOW, YOU'RE UP WALKING ALREADY?

I'M MANAGING.

KAZANA!

A LOT OF GUYS LOSE THEIR +ANIMA WHILE WORKING THERE.

THE +ANIMA CRYSTALA GATHERS WORK ON HER PLANTATION.

IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO CRYSTALA'S PLANTATION.

SHE TOLD ME TO LAY LOW THERE FOR A WHILE.

HMM?

WHA...?

IS IT BECAUSE MISS CRYSTALA WAS NICE TO YOU?

YOU KIN' OF LO... HAPPY, ... KAZANA

...AND I HAVE HUSKY, NANA AND SENRI.

...I CAN EAT FOOD...

I CAN FLY...

Y'KNOW?

I'M NOT THAT CHILDISH!!

BONK

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO COORO?!

OW! ...

YOU'D HIT HIM, TOO, IF HE ASKED YOU THAT!

.....

ERK.

SENRI, NO GLARING!

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HEH HEH... REALLY?

YOU REALLY ARE A STRANGE ONE, COORO!

Wa ha ha ha!

PFF.

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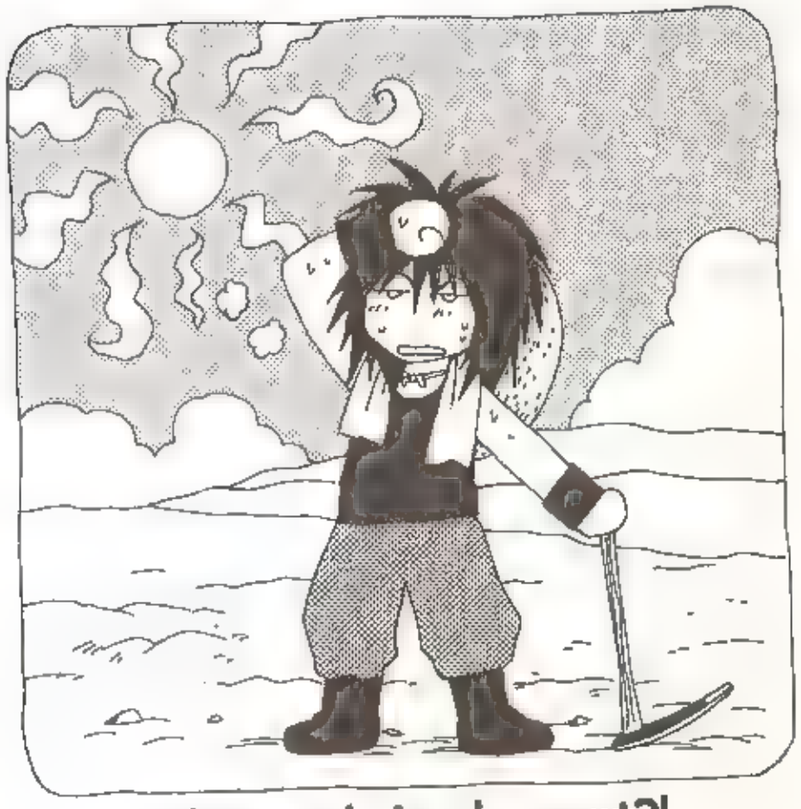
Blue Wings



The work is pleasant?!

MR. FLY!

Hi

WAAH!!

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I SEE YOU'RE WORKING HARD, MARCÁ!

OOF!

BE CAREFUL WITH THE BOOKS, OKAY?

I-I'M SORRY..!

GAAH!

GYAAH!

#

MARCA...

I'M ON MY WAY

I HAVE TO GO THERE!

BESIDES, YOU NOT ONLY LOST SIGHT OF THEM ON MOSS MOUNTAIN, YOU HAD TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE MILITARY.

These are valuable books.

YOU HAVE WORK TO DO HERE

I'M GLAD YOU'RE MY ASSISTANT SINCE YOU LIKE +ANIMA SO MUCH.

Grin

HUH?

AND THAT WAS ORIGINALLY MY +ANIMA SAMPLE.

Whisper

I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY WON'T LET ME BACK OUT INTO THE FIELD.

OH YEAH THAT'S RIGHT.

I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU TODAY.

HUH?

AND HERE I'M TRYING TO BECOME A RESPECTABLE RESEARCHER LIKE MR. FLY...

HOW EMBARRASSING!

IT SEEMS THAT A GROUP OF FOUR +ANIMA...

...HAS APPEARED AT THE NORTHERN PORT TOWN OF ROCK PORTER.

REALLY?!

HUH? FLY?

HE HAD A STUBBORN PERSONALITY, BUT HE WAS HONEST, AND I LIKED HIM.

IGGY, SHORT FOR IGNEOUS, WAS A KID FROM THE MILITARY. HE WAS A DISTANT RELATIVE OF MINE—AND MY BEST FRIEND.

HURRRRY!!

CUT IT OUT!

WAIT...I HAVE TO PUT THIS AWAY FIRST.

THEN HURRY UP, LET'S GO!

PRACTICE IS OVER NOW, RIGHT?

I'M REALLY FASCINATED BY +ANIMA!

I DECIDED TO COME TO THIS FACILITY AFTER READING AARON NEWT'S BOOKS!

WHY DID YOU START RESEARCHING +ANIMA, MR. FLY?

HMM...

IGGY, IS THAT YOU?

EVERYONE CALLS HIM A FREAK. DID YOU GO TO HIS LAB AGAIN?

AARON?

RIGHT NOW HE'S BUSY WITH STUDYING +ANIMA.

IT'S SO INTER-ESTING.

BUT I GOT THIS BOOK FROM MR AARON.

IT'S A BOOK ON LIFE SCIENCE. ♪

HE REALLY IS A FREAK!!

+ANIMA?!

IGNEOUS HAD A REASON FOR GETTING SO MAD.

OH...OOPS

WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?

LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF EMERY STREET!

AROUND THE TIME WE TURNED TEN, OUR FAVORITE GAME WAS EXPLORING ASTAR.

THE HUGE ROYAL CAPITAL WAS JUST LIKE AN UNCHARTED FOREST

OH!

IT'LL GET IN THE WAY!

DON'T BRING THAT BOOK ALONG!

THIS PLACE...

IT'S...THE SLUMS...

...I THINK.

NO. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

IGGY, HAVE YOU BEEN HERE BEFORE?

LOOKS LIKE WE CAME A BIT TOO FAR.

NOPE.

IT'S ABOUT "MAKING THE UNKNOWN KNOWN."

RESEARCHING SOMETHING ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER THE SUBJECT IS GOOD OR BAD.

THAT'S WHY HE'S RESEARCHING THEM.

IF YOU GO TO WAR, YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT +ANIMA, OR YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, RIGHT?

!

ARGH, OKAY! I GET IT, ALREADY! JUST SHUT UP!

C'MON, IGGY!

HIS GRANDFATHER, A SOLDIER, HAD DIED IN BATTLE A FEW YEARS EARLIER.

THE MILITARY WAS FIGHTING KIM-UN-KUR AT THE TIME, AND THEY SAID HIS GRANDFATHER WAS KILLED BY A BEAR +ANIMA.

N--

NOOO!!

DON'T TELL THEM!!

OVER THERE...

FLY, LET'S GO BACK...

...BEFORE WE GET LOST.

WAIT!

WAIT HERE.

YOU'RE HURT, AREN'T YOU? WE'LL GO GET SOMEONE FROM THE FACTORY.

OH!

YOU REMEMBERED THAT?

THOSE CLOTHES LOOK LIKE THE UNIFORM FROM HAMME FACTORY ON MEILIN STREET

OBSERVATION SKILLS ARE *ESSENTIAL* TO BEING A *GOOD RESEARCHER!*

ANYWAY, DON'T CALL ANYONE...

...PLEASE.

WH-WHAT?!

SHE'S NOT LIKE ANY OF THE GIRLS WE KNOW.

SHE'S PRETTY DIRTY FOR A GIRL

Stare

.....

F"A"!"

LEAVE ME ALONE!

HEY!

WA--

WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

+ANIMA...

IT'S A +ANIMA!

!

Blush

I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!

YOU'RE A +ANIMA!

EEK?

EEEK!!

WHAT IS A +ANIMA DOING IN ASTAR?!

OH!!

YOU'RE A GIRL?!

HUH? YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?!

ERR..

'CAUSE..

I DUNNO...

CAN'T YOU PUT YOUR WINGS AWAY?

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HURT, ISN'T IT?

...YOU HAVE WINGS, BUT YOU'RE NOT JUST FLYING AWAY.

WE'RE WORRIED

THEY'RE PIGEON WINGS, AREN'T THEY?

PIGEON?

I CAME TO SERVE AS AN APPRENTICE AT HAMME FACTORY.

I HATED IT, BUT MY FAMILY NEEDED MONEY.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH, THOUGH.

I'M GOING HOME.

ANGELS? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

+ANIMA...

HIT

I HEAR THERE ARE +ANIMA OF ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS!

LIKE DEER AND RABBITS AND WOLVES!

BUT I LIKE BIRDS BEST! WITH THEIR WINGS...

THERE WERE LOTS OF PIGEONS AROUND THE FACTORY.

I GUESS I DID THINK, "IF ONLY I HAD WINGS LIKE THOSE PIGEONS."

...ARE JUST BEASTS!

NOT IN ASTARIA! THEY'RE BEASTS! DEVILS!

WELL? WHICH IS IT?

BEASTS!

THERE ARE EVEN GODS THAT TAKE THE FORM OF ANIMALS, YOU KNOW.

...THEY'RE LIKE ANGELS, DON'T YOU THINK?

ANGELS?

THERE WERE MEAN KIDS AT THE FACTORY.

I DON'T KNOW MYSELF.

HOW?

HOW DID YOU BECOME A +ANIMA?

...YOU WERE A NORMAL GIRL AT FIRST?

RUN THEM

BUT I KEPT WORKING HARD FOR MY FAMILY.

THEY DID BAD THINGS TO ME EVERY DAY.

AWWW!

IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF, THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD.

.....

AND THEN--

YOU'VE HURT HER FEELINGS, IGNEOUS! YOU'RE MEAN!

DON'T SAY THINGS ARE BAD WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM!

SHOCK

MEAN?!

WERE YOU BORN A +ANIMA?

N-NO!

HEY!

WAIT!!

Shock Shock

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

WHAT'S A +ANIMA?

WHY DO BAD THINGS KEEP HAPPENING TO ME?

WHAT I DO UNDERSTAND...

I JUMPED FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER!

COULD YOU DO THAT?!

!

HUH...?

!

GRAB!

ガバッ

...IS THAT I'M ALIVE RIGHT NOW.

MY MOM, UNCLE AND GRANDMA LIVE THERE.

THAT'S MY HOUSE

DON'T YOU WANT TO HURRY AND SEE YOUR FAMILY?

GREAT! NOW YOU CAN RELAX.

WHY NOT?!

WHAT?!

I'M NOT GOING BACK TO MY HOUSE

...Y, ARE YOU ...KAY?!

YOU IDIOT!!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING?!

...ANIMA.

I'M GOING TO RESEARCH...

HUH?

.. KNOW.

I DIDN'T...

HUFF

HUFF

MAYBE BIRD +ANIMA AREN'T ANGELS.

WITH... EVEN... INSIDE... HOUSE... GIRL... OFF.

...WITH THE WINGS OF A PIGEON.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL...?

THE GIRL I SAW IN MR. AARON'S LAB...?

I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY HOUSE.

I LEFT FOR AN APPRENTICE-SHIP. IF I GO HOME, IT WILL BE HARD ON MY MOM.

AND SOMEDAY I'LL GO BACK THERE AGAIN!

I'LL LIVE... I'LL SURVIVE..

HUH ?

WAS THAT PIGEON +ANIMA GIRL YOUR FIRST LOVE OR SOMETHING?

OH, SIR... YOU'RE GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR.

NO. THAT'S NOT...

Ha!

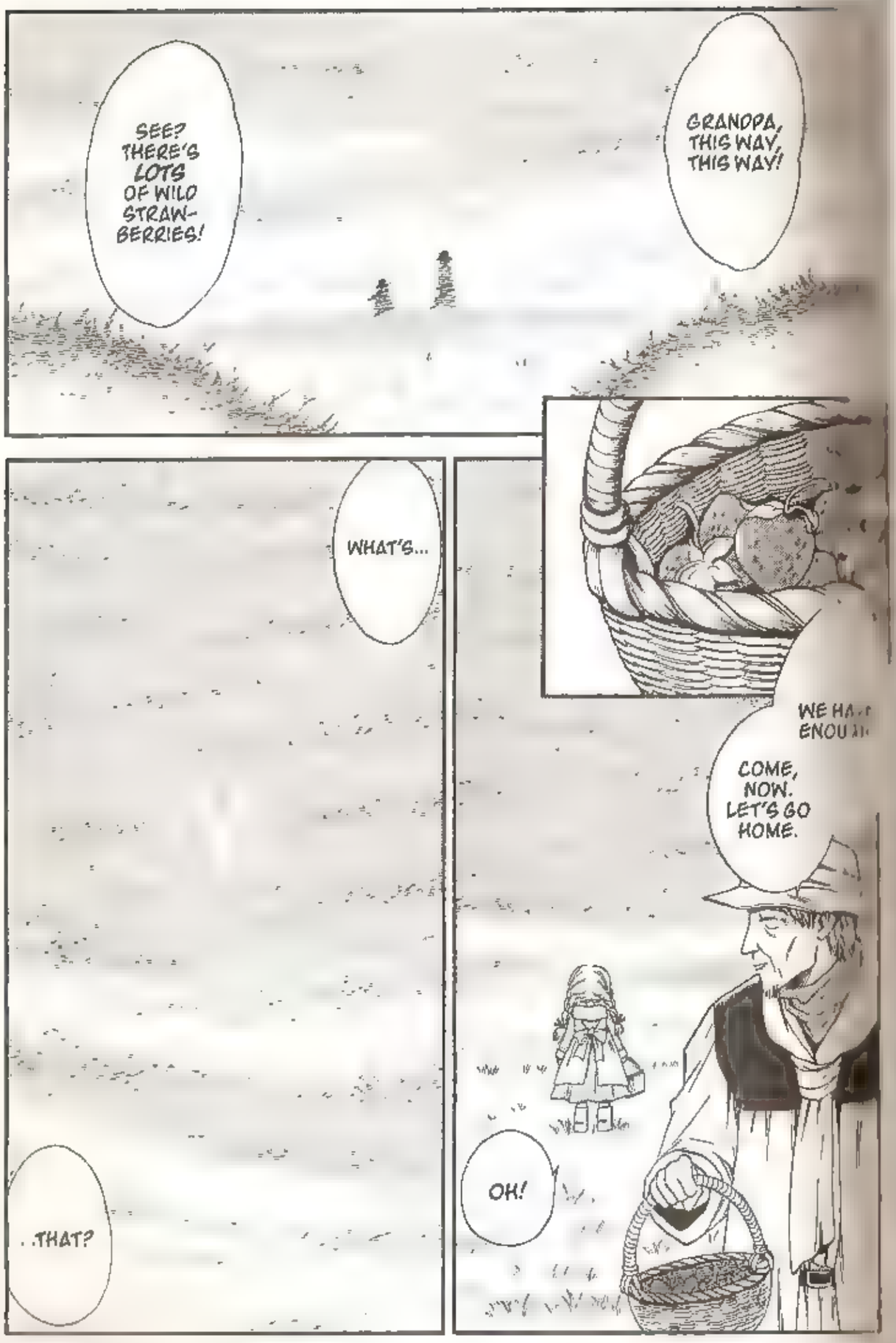
HUH?

WHAT IS YOUR TYPE, SIR?

SHE WASN'T QUITE MY TYPE.

IT'S A SECRET. ♡

BLANCA...



My dream is to be a scholar.

Chapter 47
The Angel's Lake—Part 1

...AN ANGEL?

IT'S...

HMM .. AN ANGEL..

THERE, THERE.

I'LL GET YOU SOME HONEY TEA.

I NEED YOU TO TAKE ONE MORE FLIGHT...

...TO FANTALE.

WHILE YOU REST, I'LL WRITE A LETTER.

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HUH?

A WHITE ANGEL HAS BEEN SPOTTED AT FANTALE?

HI THERE.

A LETTER FROM FLIO?

ENJOY THE MUSIC! ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE!

COME SEE THE ALALRAN TROUPE! ♡

A PLAY! LET'S GO SEE!

WHAT'S THIS?

OH!

THERE'S A CHURCH IN THIS TOWN!

FANTALE MUST BE A VERY RELIGIOUS PLACE.

WE'RE BACK IN ASTARIA, BUT STILL, IT'S SO DIFFERENT HERE.

THERE WASN'T A CHURCH WHERE I LIVED, EITHER.

BUT MY MOM *DID* TEACH ME THAT GOD IN HEAVEN IS WATCHING OVER EVERYTHING, AND IF I'M A GOOD GIRL, I CAN GO TO HEAVEN.

.....

HEY! ISN'T THAT ANGEL THE GIRL WE SAW EARLIER?

YEAH ..! YOU'RE RIGHT!

THE SMA... DAUGHT... OFFERED... STRAWB... TO THE... DOWNHEA... ANGEL

AND SINCE THEN, THE ANGEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING OVER FANTALE.

THE ANGEL SMILED AT THE SMALL DAUGHTER'S KINDNESS

NO WAY!

HUH?

DID YOU KNOW...

...THAT THIS IS A TRUE STORY?

...THERE LIVED A PURE-HEARTED FAMILY.

NEAR A BLUE LAKE IN THE REGION OF FANTALE...

EVERY DAY WAS A HAPPY ONE. EVERY DAY THEY GAVE THANKS TO GOD.

A SMALL SON AND A SMALL DAUGHTER

A MOTHER AND A FATHER...

A GRAND-FATHER AND A GRAND-MOTHER...

ONE DAY, THE SMALL DAUGHTER SET OUT TO PICK WILD STRAWBERRIES BY THE LAKE.

AND THERE SHE MET...

...A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL.

Waah!

.....

THAT PERSON ...

BLUSH

STARE

Gasp!

EVERY NOW AND THEN, THE ANGEL APPEARS NEAR THE LAKE ON FOGGY MORNINGS.

IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE...

...BUT IT HAPPENED JUST A MONTH AGO.

Kyaaaah!!

REALLY?!

WOW! I WANT TO MEET HER!!

THERE REALLY IS AN ANGEL?!

Clap Clap

HUH?

THE ALALRAN TROUPE CAME HERE SOON AFTER THE ANGEL APPEARED.

THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR MAKING THE STORY OF THE ANGEL INTO A PLAY.

MIRANDA..

WHAT THE HECK? THAT WAS RUDE!

たたた…

...MAY BE SO TO SEVE...

THAT PERSON.. IS A +ANIMA.

HUH?!

THE TOWNSPEOPLE SAID THE FOG MIGHT COME OUT TOMORROW!

THE ANGEL COMES OUT ON FOGGY MORNINGS!

AN ANGEL? HMM...

YEAH! SOUNDS INTERESTING!

LET'S G... CHECK IT OUT!

OKAY? OKAY?

HE WAS LOOKING AT THE GIRL PLAYING THE ANGEL AND BLUSHING. ♡

Tee hee hee!

You sure were watching it completely close ♡

'MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

THIS IS ANGEL WEATHER, ISN'T IT?

There are so many people!

WOW!

THIS IS A RELIGIOUS TOWN, ALL RIGHT!

COORO ...?

HEY, COORO, LET'S GO.

Mutter

Mutter

IT'S OKAY...

IT'S OKAY ...

IT'S OKAY ...

IT'S OKAY!

HEY, IF THEY WERE SO NICE TO YOU THERE, WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH, COORO?

!

YOU'RE A +ANIMA, COORO.

ANGEL ... BUT HEY

OH, YEAH ..!

I WAS REMEMBERING...

...THE LAST CHURCH I WAS AT.

COORO, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OH. SORRY.

HMM...

.....

YEAH.

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DID GROW UP IN A CHURCH, HUH, COORO?

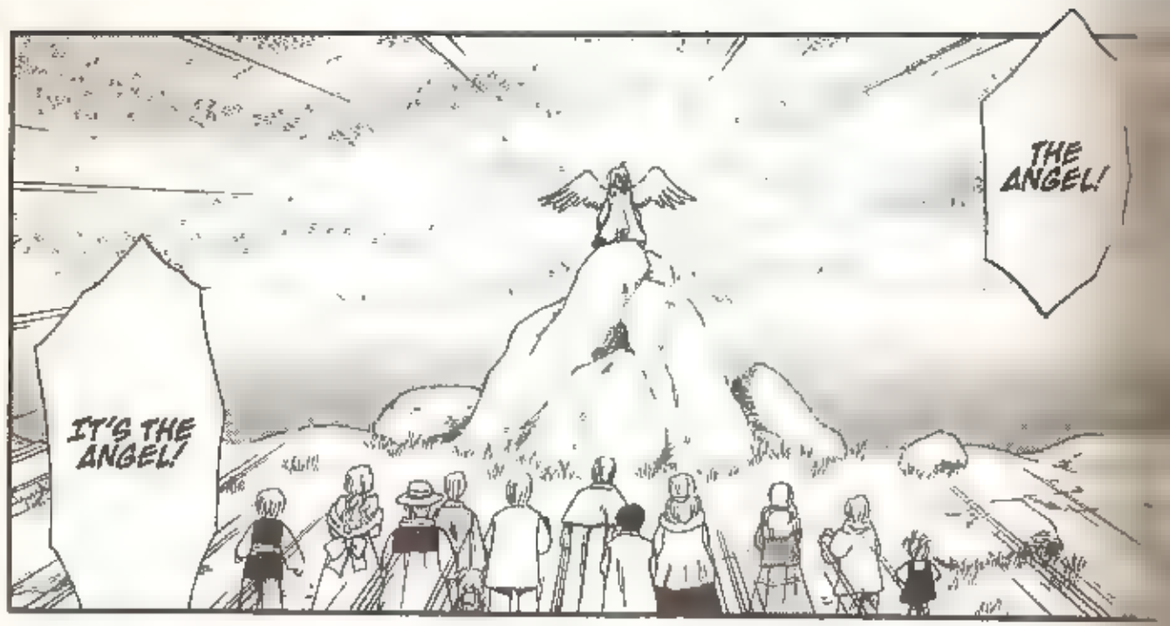
OH...

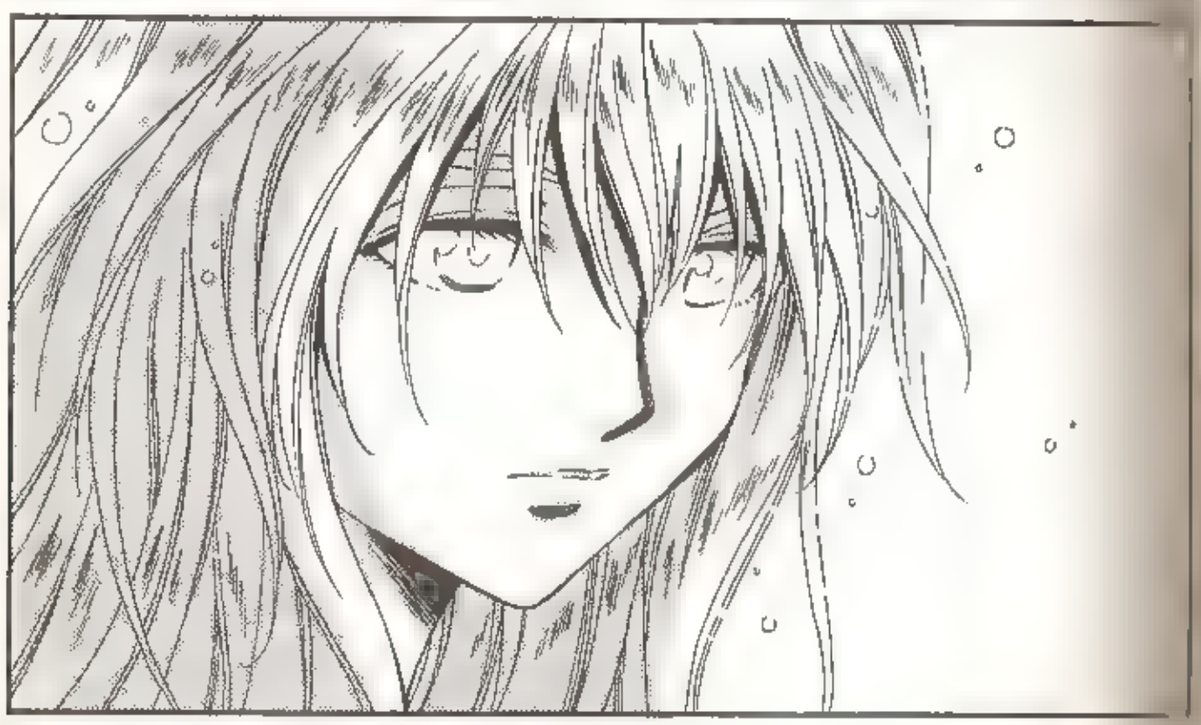
THEY SAID THAT *WHITE* ANGELS ARE MESSENGERS FROM GOD IN HEAVEN...

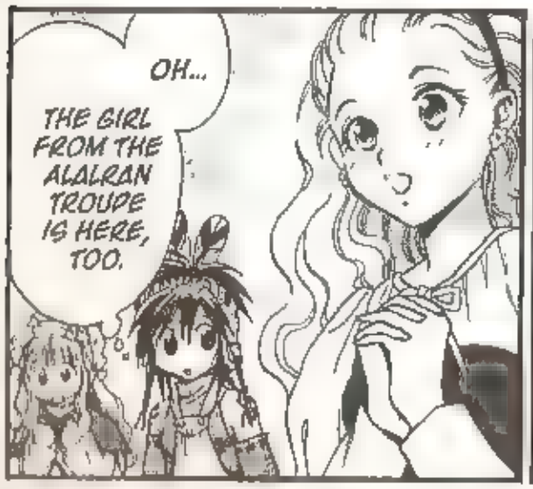
.. AND *BLACK* ANGELS ARE MESSENGERS OF *DEATH* ..BUT WE NEED BOTH.

THE SISTERS AND THE TEACHERS WERE ALL SO NICE.

AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD BLACK WINGS, THEY SAID IT WAS OKAY.


IT'S THE ANGEL!
THE ANGEL!

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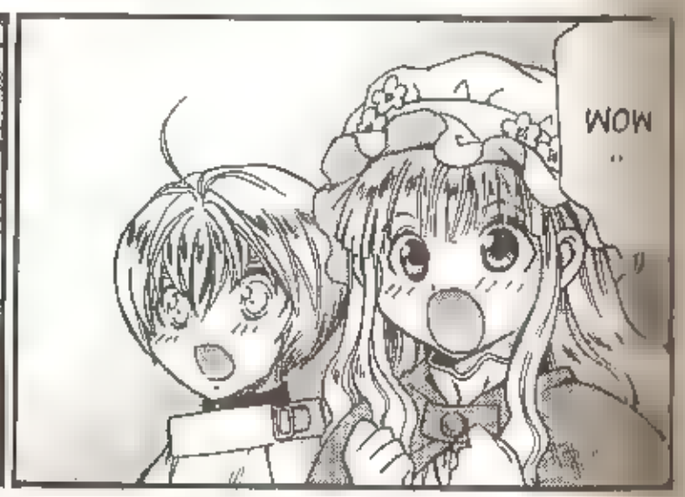
THE GIRL FROM THE ALALRAN TROUPE IS HERE, TOO.


WOW

...

I AM A MESSENGER SENT TO DELIVER THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR HEARTS TO THE POOR PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

I.

THE PEOPLE AWAIT YOUR FEELINGS.

!

COORO!

LOOK! LOOK THERE!

AH!

I HAVE RECEIVED ...

...THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR HEARTS.

MAY YOU ALL FIND JOY.

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I THINK IT'S OKAY IF POOR PEOPLE DON'T FORCE THEM-SELVES.

I WANT TO DONATE! I WANT TO, BUT--

DONATIONS?

EEEHHH?!

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ANGEL ...

SEE? IT'S WHAT'S IN YOJR HEART THAT'S IMPORTANT.

OOOHHH! WHAT A GOOD GIRL!

So cute!

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NANA!!

I'M GOING TOO!

LEAVE COORO TO ME!

COORO, LET'S GO.

I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE MET HIM.

I'M GLAD.

MY, THE ANGEL WAS SO WONDERFUL.

Murmur

Murmur

Murmur

Murmur

Murmur

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

COORO?!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

WHAT THE HECK?

Whew.

THIS FLOWER ...

MIRANDA ...

R-REALLY?

+ANIMA?

HUH?

WE'RE +ANIMA. A CROW AND A BAT.

MR. ANGEL?! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

HUH?!

.....

HE WAS ...

THAT MAN?!

HUH?!

SEE? HE'S A +ANIMA--THE ONE THAT WAS WATCHING THE ALALRAN'S TROUPE'S PLAY.

HEY, YOU!

HEY ...!

BLUSH

I'M GLAD WE CAUGHT UP WITH YOU!

WHAT THE--?!

A MESSENGER OF DEATH?!

B-BLACK WINGS!!

I-I AM A MESSEN GER FROM HEAVEN!
YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE LEAVING TOWN, BLACK ANGEL!

A MAN WAS WATCHING YOU EARLIER.
IT KIND OF BOTHERED ME, SO I CAME TO TELL YOU.
UM, HEY...
..I JUST KIND OF FELT LIKE IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO GET MIXED UP WITH THAT MAN.
WELL...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...I THINK YOU SHOULD EITHER STOP BEING THE WHITE ANGEL--OR LEAVE THIS TOWN.
SO...

I WONDER WHERE HUSKY AND SENRI ARE.

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HUH

OW!!

IS IT TRUE? HE'S A +ANIMA?

HE WENT TOWARD THE TOWN.

YEAH, PROBABLY. I GUESS HE'S A SWAN +ANIMA.

OH, WELL.

WELL, I SAID WHAT I HAD TO SAY.

HUH?

WHY? I DON'T GET IT... ANYWAY, LET'S GO FIND HUSKY AND SENRI.

I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE TOWN, TOO.

OH...

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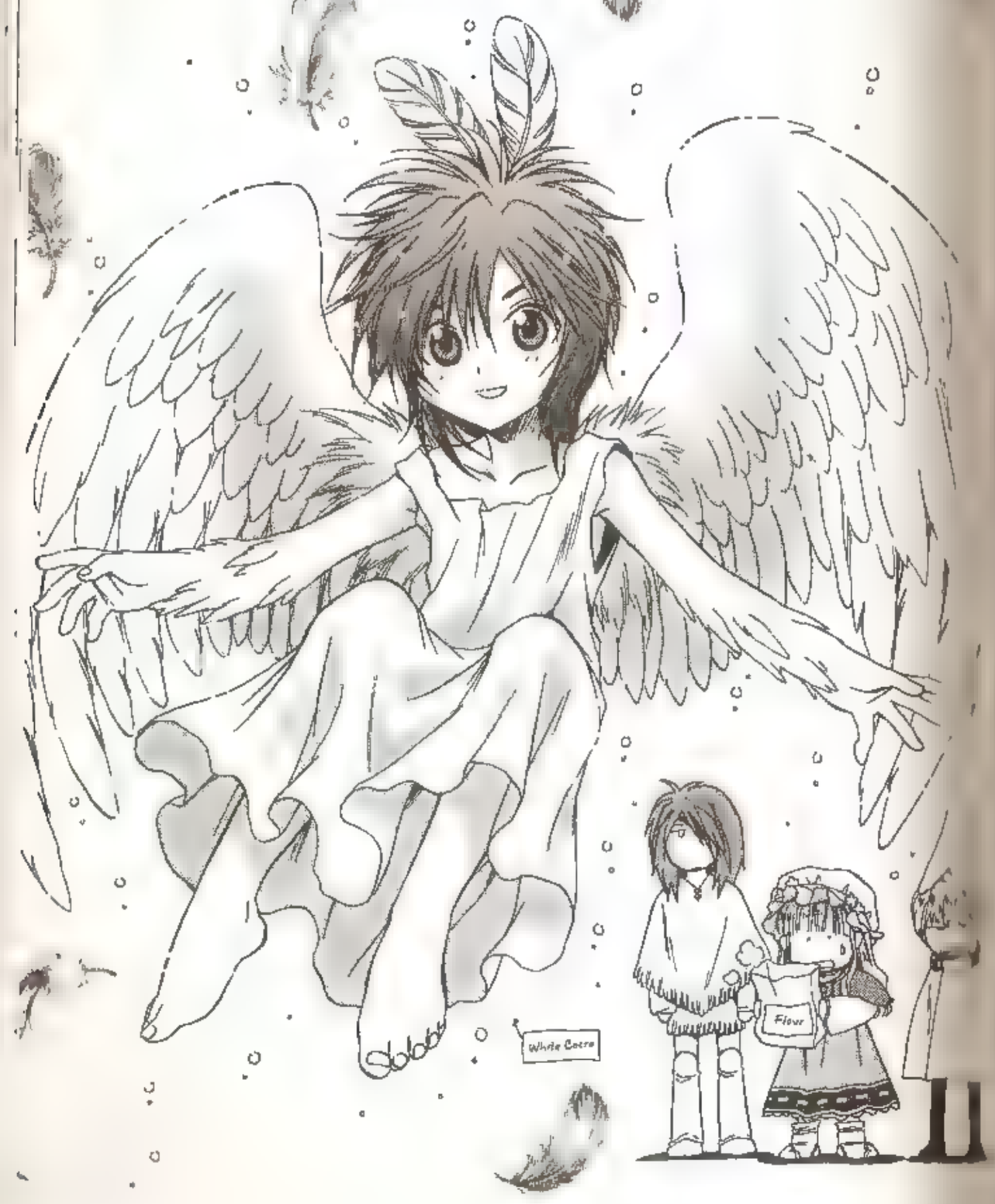
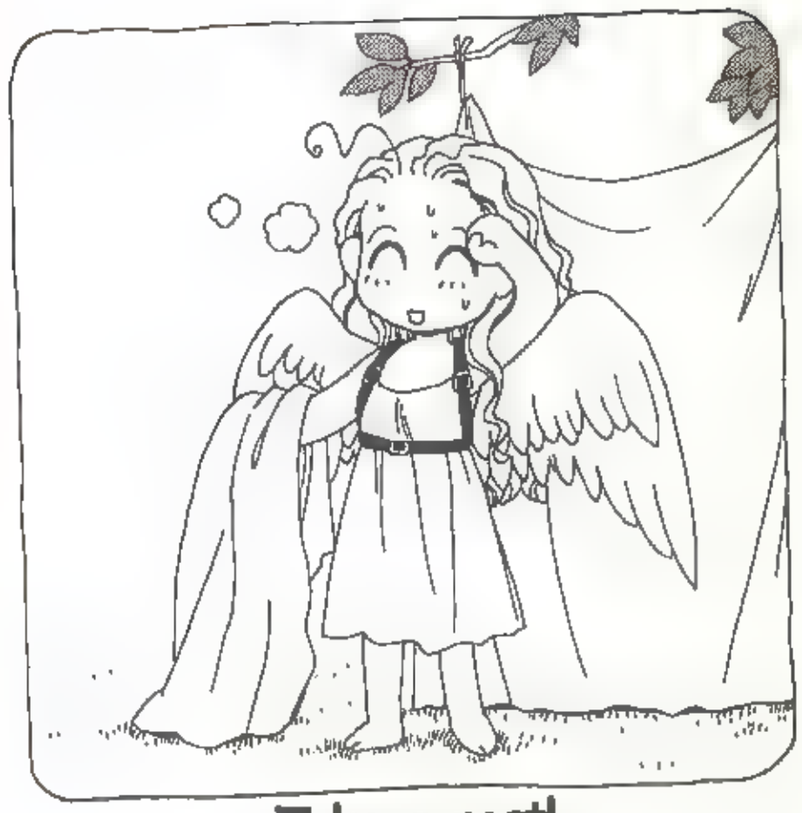
The Angel's Lake—Part 2





Take a rest!

AH!

OVER THERE!

THE ANGEL WAS RIGHT!

OH!!

IT'S A BLACK-WINGED MESSENGER OF DEATH!

OWW-IE!!

WHAT'S THEIR PROBLEM?!

UGH!

PROTECT THE TOWN!

DON'T LET HIM IN THE TOWN!

HUH?!

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COORO! BLOOD! YOU'RE BLEEDING!!

WAAAH!!

Hey!

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COORO! HIDE YOUR WINGS!

WE HAVE TO GET AWAY!

OOWWW!!

I'M MIRANDA.

WELL, WE'LL BE IN TOWN FOR A WHILE SO FEEL FREE TO COME BY ANY TIME

AND I'M DYLAN. WE'RE ALL SIBLINGS.

I-I'M NANA.

I'M COORO.

I'M ALAN.

OH...!

WHO ARE YOU?

THE ALALRAN TROUPE!

JH...
JM...

TO PROTECT MY HEAD.

SURE... BUT WHAT FOR?

CAN I BORROW THIS?

THANKS TO THE ANGEL'S WARNING, WE WERE ABLE TO DRIVE OUT THE MESSENGER OF DEATH!

THANK YOU, ANGEL!

THAT MUST'VE BEEN HARSH.

TRAV-ELERS, HUH?

OH MY, HOW AWFUL!

That looks painful.

ORO

AND WE GOT HIT BY THE ROCKS THE TOWNS-PEOPLE WERE THROWING.

THEY SAID THE MESSENGER OF DEATH CAME, SO WE GOT SCARED AND HID.

WE'RE TRAVELERS, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO HIDE.

Water

Report: The White Angel of Fantale

I estimate the boy with white wings to be about fourteen.

Based on the feathers I have gathered, I believe him to be a swan +Anima.

As instructed, I plan to wait for an opportunity to make contact with him.

I AM AN ANGEL!

MY WHITE WIN :. LET ME LIVE

I CAN SURVIVE AS LONG AS I'M A WHITE ANGEL.

OH!

WHY THAT WANNABE ANGEL-- SPREADING WEIRD RUMORS TO THE TOWNS-PEOPLE!

LOOK!

IT'S COO--

HUSKY! SENRI!

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THAT PHONY ANGEL!!

I DON'T WANT TO JUST LEAVE TOWN ANYMORE!!

PHONY?

YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.

HOW DO I LOOK?

.....?

WHAT'S ON YOUR HEAD?

MY, MY. ALL HE LOOKS AT IS MIRANDA.

WHAT'S WITH THE STUPID LOOK ON HIS FACE?

THAT'S HIM?

HE HASN'T NOTICED US.

?

THAT'S--

OH!

WAIT! HEY, YOU!

TA-DAAH!

AH!

THAT WHITE ANGEL PERSON-- HE'S HERE!

Aaah!

Clap

Clap

Clap

Clap

Clap

DON'T HURT ME!

STOP!

STOP IT!!

AAA...

DID YOU GET HIM?!

N-NO!!

HOW DARE YOU CALL COORO A MESSENGER OF DEATH!!

C--

CYRA-NOVA.

GAH!!

GAH!!

HUH?

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Really?

I DO?!

HUH?

A-ARE YOU CRYING?

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Sob... Sob

I-I...

...USED TO BE ...

...FAT.

WHAT?

...BUT YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT NOW.

IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE AN ANGEL, COORO CAN'T BE A +ANIMA.

YEAH... WE GET IT.

HE *HAS* TO BE A MESSENGER OF DEATH, RIGHT?

WELL?! SAY SOME-THING, DANGIT!

YOU *SOLD OUT* YOUR FELLOW +ANIMA!

CYRANOVA, IS IT? WELL, CYRANOVA IS THE ONE SUFFERING THE MOST.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

AN ANGEL?

HUH?

I-I HAVE A PLACE HERE NOW BECAUSE I'M AN ANGEL.

EVERY-ONE IS HAPPY TO SEE ME.

AND, BEST OF ALL... MIRANDA WILL GAZE UPON ME.

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS AN ANGEL.

ONE YEAR AGO, MY PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.

I WAS AN ONLY CHILD IN A MERCHANT'S FAMILY.

BUT I WAS CLUMSY. I HAD NO PHYSICAL STRENGTH. TO HIM, I WAS A USELESS KID WHO COULDN'T DO HIS JOB.

MY UNCLE INHERITED THE SHOP, AND HE SENT ME OUT TO WORK. HE SAID IT WAS TRAINING.

I CAN'T KEEP GOING LIKE THIS.

NO BREAKS UNTIL YOU'RE DONE WORKING!

AND NO FOOD, EITHER!

I'M GOING TO DIE.

I WANT TO KEEP LIVING!

LOOK... YOU'RE RIGHT HERE. SEE, CYRANOVA?

IF THERE ARE NO OTHER PEOPLE, WILL YOU DISAPPEAR, CYRANOVA?

That's the last thing I got, anyway

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IF THAT WAS TRUE, I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD HAVE BECOME A +ANIMA.

Nod

YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT PLAYING THE ANGEL, THOUGH.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!

Grrrr!!

That's stupid

THAT'S WHAT HURTS?!

WHAT'S THE POINT IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING HER TO LOOK AT THE *REAL YOU*?!

THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT WHAT MIRANDA'S LOOKING AT IS THE ANGEL, ISN'T IT?

IF YOU'RE AN ANGEL, YOU CAN'T GO TO A GIRL AND TELL HER YOU LOVE HER!

THAT MUST REALLY HURT!

IF PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE ME, IT'S AS IF THE REAL ME DOESN'T EXIST.

B-BUT ...

...THE REGULAR ME DOESN'T MATTER TO ANYBODY.

...AND KIND AND WRAPPED IN AN AURA THAT'S HARD TO APPROACH.

THEY'RE DIVINE AND PURE...

...BUT IT'S HARD PLAYING AN ANGEL.

WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING THE ANGEL PLAY IN THE NEXT TOWN.

!

HE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL... HE'S SO ENCHANTING! ♡

THE ANGEL AT THE LAKE WAS LOVELY.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NANA?

SO YOU DON'T HATE THE ANGEL, RIGHT?

I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG...

THE ANGEL HASN'T COME LATELY.

LET ME ...

... THINK A LITTLE.

OH, MIRANDA! ARE YOU PRACTICING YOUR PLAY?

OH, NANA!

Sigh...

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GOOD MORNING, ANGEL.

HUH?

CYRANOVA'S HOUSE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO CYRANOVA

MAYBE HE LEFT TOWN.

WE SAID ALL THOSE THINGS TO HIM.

SHOULD WE GO SEE?

WE ARE FROM THE ASTARIA NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

YOU ARE A SWAN +ANIMA, AREN'T YOU?

WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU'D HELP US WITH OUR RESEARCH.

IF YOU COME TO THE RESEARCH FACILITY IN ASTAR, WE CAN GUARANTEE YOUR LIVELIHOOD.

YES.

WE ARE RE-SEARCHING +ANIMA.

FINE!

HE TOLD US TO GET AS MANY BIRD +ANIMAS AS WE CAN.

YOU MISUNDERSTAND... IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU *WANT* TO COME.

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SO YOU *ARE* COMING WITH US!

!!

...I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO!

THERE'S A CARRIAGE WAITING FOR US OVER THERE.

IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE TOWNSFOLK DIDN'T NOTICE US.

NOW PUT YOUR WINGS AWAY.

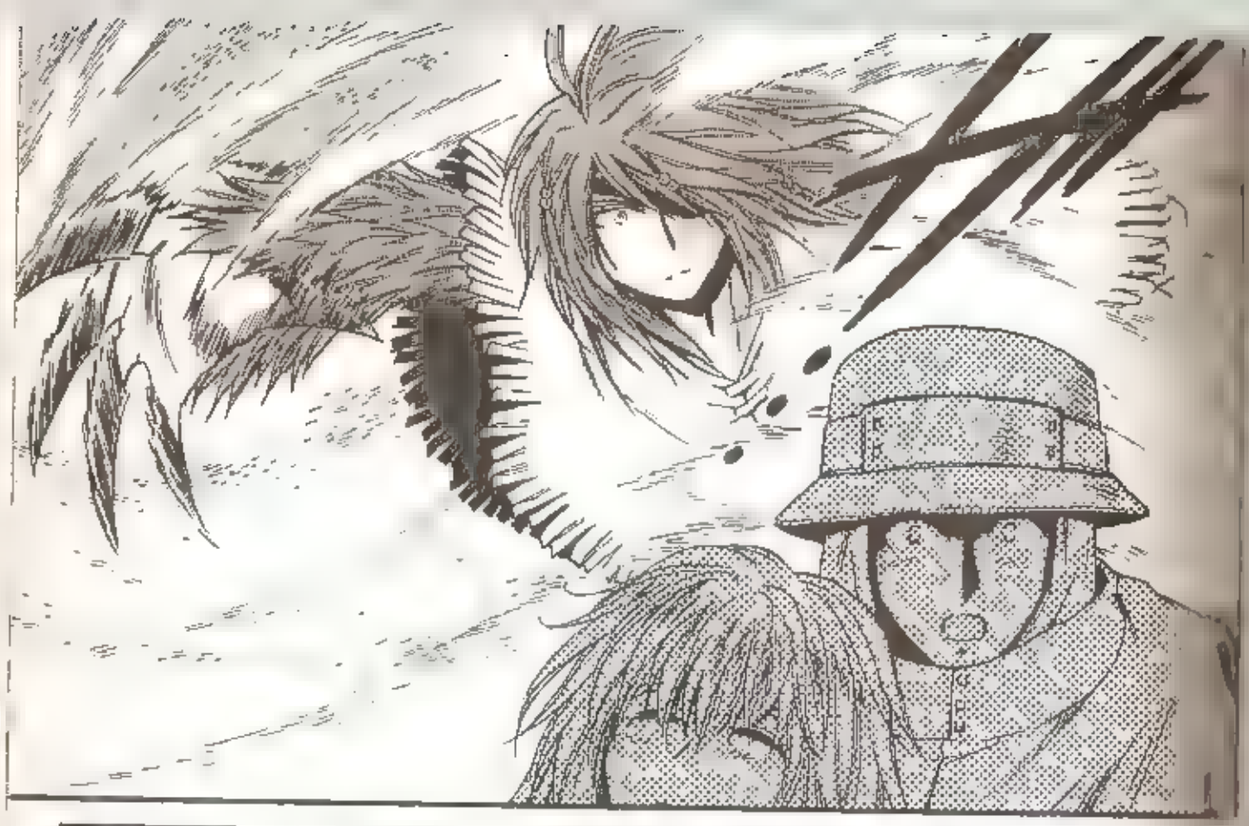
H-HUH?

UH. UM...

WE WANT YOU TO MAKE USE OF THE +ANIMA POWERS THAT *YOU CAN'T USE IN SOCIETY.*

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO!

TH-THERE'S SOMETHING...



L-LET GO!!
UGH!

HOLD IT!!
(Gasp)
YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM!!
THIS +ANIMA IS....!!
A BLACK-WINGED...
H-HEY!
EHHH?!
NOOO!!
BUH!!

SCREEECH!!

C-COULD THIS BE THE BAT'S ULTRASONIC SCREECH?!

IT'S V-V-VERY EFFECTIVE..

300...

Senri let's go!

We did it!

NO! THE ANGEL IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!

WE HAVE TO HELP HIM!

COULD YOU BE...?

A CR-CROW AND A BEAR +ANIMA?!

?

OVER THERE!

!

I BECAM... AN AN... BECAU... PEOPL... SAID I W... AN ANGE...

BUT I'LL THINK ABOUT IT ON MY OWN.

WAIT ... IS THAT...?

SOME- HUH ONE'S STANDING IN THE ROAD.

MORE FIREWOOD PLEASE, SENRI.

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ARE YOU OKAY? WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CATCH COLD.

HMM?

UM... WHY DID YOU HELP ME?

OH... I SEE...

SO WE WANTED TO SUPPORT YOUR DECISION.

YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE RESEARCH FACILITY, DID YOU CYRANOVA?

PLEASE?!

CAN I JOIN THE ALALRAN TROUPE?!

GOOD...IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WENT WELL.

I REALLY HOPE THOSE TWO CAN BE TOGETHER.

DON'T YOU?

I AM A MESSENGER SENT TO DELIVER THE VOICE OF HEAVEN.

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Childhood Friends—Part 1

Costume play of angel?!

BYE-BYE!

BYE-BYE, NANA!

YOU'RE ALL DONE WORKING, TOO?

AH!

I ONLY HELPED WITH HOUSEWORK, SO I DIDN'T GET PAID MUCH...

SHE MADE ME PLAY *EVERYTHING* WITH HER.

YUP!

IT REALLY FELT LIKE A WARM HOME!

You think so too, Husky?

THEY WERE A GOOD FAMILY.

...BUT I GOT SOME FRESH-BAKED COOKIES AND BREAD! ♡

WOW! THEY LOOK GOOD! ♡

♪ PAY, PAY, PAY, PAY!

TODAY IS A FUN, HAPPY DAAAYYY! ♪

DAAAY DAAAAYYY! ♡

Cut it out!

COORO, YOU'RE NOT GROVELING HARD ENOUGH.

Cleaning the irrigation ditch.

Hii!

YAY! THANK YOU!

HERE. ONE WEEK'S PAY. YOU'VE WORKED HARD.

BECOME ADULTS LIKE THIS...?

WILL WE GROW UP THIS WAY?

WILL WE KEEP TRAVELING LIKE THIS?

IT'S REALLY A BIG RELIEF.

Yay!

Caora: Hey!

WE FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO ASTARIA FROM SAILAND.

AND FROM NOW ON...

AT FIRST I WAS NERVOUS, BUT I THINK WE'VE DONE WELL.

FROM NOW ON...

FROM NOW ON?

HOW WILL WE LIVE FROM NOW ON?

HEY, NANA...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND.

THOUGH... THAT MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD.

OH! BUT, BUT, I WANT TO MARRY INTO A RICH FAMILY TOO!

WHAT?

OH NO! WHAT WAS THAT?!

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THIS ONE, HERE.

HUH? WHICH ONE?

1st YELLOW VALLEY RACE

+ANIMA

+ANIMA ONLY?!

LET'S SEE...THE 1ST YELLOW VALLEY RACE...

He may be rich, but it would probably be kinda stuffy inside that castle

I THINK IT'S OKAY IF HUSKY DOESN'T GO BACK TO BEING A PRINCE RIGHT NOW.

Whew.

IF I MARRY HUSKY, I WILL BE MARRYING INTO A RICH FAMILY!

AH!

Former Prince of Sailand

?

AND WE LEARNED ABOUT SENRI ON MOSS MOUNTAIN.

THANKS TO OUR TRIP TO SAILAND WE GOT TO FIND OUT ABOUT HUSKY.

HEY, HEY!

LOOK AT THIS ONE!

I SEE!

SO BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE GET THEM UNDER OUR CONTROL!

...AND BECAME HOSTILE TOWARD ASTARIA, IT WOULD BE BAD, RIGHT?

IF +ANIMA REALIZED HOW SUPERIOR THEIR POWERS ARE...

THE ONE THAT SPECIALIZES IN +ANIMA IS RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT.

...IT'S ESSENTIALLY THE RESEARCH FACILITIES THAT DEAL WITH +ANIMA.

BUT.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?

AND THE HEAD OF RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT--

Astarian Royal Capital, Astar

AN ASTARIAN-SPONSORED +ANIMA ONLY RACE?

ESPECIALLY THE +ANIMA THAT RUN IN THIS RACE.

THEY WOULD BE PERFECT AS MESSEN-GERS AND COURIERS.

IT'S TO SCOUT OUT CAPABLE +ANIMA FOR LOW-RANK RETAINERS UNDER ASTARIA'S DIRECT SUPERVISION OR SOMETHING...

IT'S TRUE THERE ARE A LOT OF +ANIMA ABILITIES THAT COULD BE USEFUL.

NO, NO..

YOU'RE SO NAIVE...!

Tsk, tsk.

+ANIMA SURE ARE MORE ACCEPTED NOW.

Yellow Valley

HMM?

WOW! LOOK AT ALL THOSE PEOPLE!

AND THERE'S A TON OF FOOD STANDS! ♡

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THE LAND RACE ...

...AND THE AIR RACE.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGO-RIES...

THE 1ST YELLOW VALLEY RACE.

THEY'RE PROBABLY TESTING STAMINA AND NIGHTTIME ACTIVITY.

WHAT? IT'LL TAKE *TWO DAYS* TO GO THIS DISTANCE!

TEST-ING?

THE COURSES TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TERRAIN OF THE ROLLING YELLOW VALLEY.

START

GOAL

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO VISIT EACH OF THREE CHECKPOINTS ON THEIR WAY TO THE FINISH LINE.

IF YOU CAN GET A JOB, YOUR SOCIAL STANDING WILL BE GUARANTEED.

APPARENTLY, THE KINGDOM OF ASTARIA PLANS TO HIRE PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR SCORES.

THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SO MANY +ANIMA HERE.

THEY'VE BEEN AROUND.

WOW!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY +ANIMA AT ONCE BEFORE!

HEY! I GOT SOME ENTRY FORMS.

IT'S FREE TO ENTER, AND IT SAYS THAT EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLACE, YOU GET A PRIZE JUST FOR RUNNING.

YUP!

You have to get at least third to place.

Against guys like him?

COORO, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO RUN IN THIS RACE?

HA HA HA! THE 10,000 GILLAH PRIZE IS MINE!

PRIZE FOR RUNNING ...

Nod

YOU'RE RUNNING TOO, SENRI?!

WHAT?!

YUP! WE WON'T OVERDO IT! LEAVE IT TO US!

YOU'RE NOT EITHER, RIGHT HUSKY?

WELL, I'M NOT RUNNING

YEAH. I'M NOT PHYSICALLY SUITED FOR IT.

I GUESS HAVING COORO AND SENRI RUN IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

HA!

YOU'RE ALL SUCH PATHETIC PUSHOVERS!

YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME, THE GREAT JESSO!

Ha ha ha!!

YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!

WHOA! I DON'T LIKE HIM...!

SHE'S STARING AT US.

WHO IS THAT?

OH...

SENRI?

Stare

HUH?

COORO ...

I WON'T LOSE TO YOU, GOT IT?!

EH?

YEAH ...

I THINK IT'S LYRA. SHE ALSO LIVED AT THE CHURCH WHERE I GREW UP.

BUT I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED ..

WHO WAS THAT? SOMEONE YOU KNOW, COORO?

A SWALLOW +ANIMA, HUH?

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IS THAT YOU, LYRA?

WOW! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

LYRA?

I'M JUST FINE, COORO.

YES...

HUH?!

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...

GO!!

...WASN'T A +ANIMA!

...BECAUSE THE LYRA I KNEW...

...SOMETHING HAPPENED TO TURN HER INTO A +ANIMA.

THAT MEANS THAT AFTER HE LEFT...

NO MATTER. I CAN'T LOSE...

...NO MATTER WHAT!!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MEET COORO AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.

I'M SUR-PRISED ...

DOES SHE...

...HATE ME?

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LAND RACE, GO!

LET'S SEE...THERE ARE ABOUT 15 PEOPLE IN THE AIR RACE...

...AND THEY'RE ALL BIGGER THAN ME.

AWW, THEY'RE GONE.

I GUESS THEY'LL BE BACK AROUND TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

YEAH.

GOOD LUCK, SENRI!

Nod

UM...

THAT LYRA GIRL WAS RACING, WASN'T SHE?

HMM?

LYRAAA!!

LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST, 'KAY?

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HUH?

Hmph!

AH!

SOMEHOW, HE'S DIFFERENT FROM NANA AND ME.

I WONDER WHY?

HE ACCEPTED HIS +ANIMA AND IS COMPLETELY COMFORT-ABLE WITH IT.

YEAH..

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND COORO A BIT STRANGE, TOO.

HUH?

DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW, TOO, HUSKY?

FORGET IT!

LATER, WHY DON'T WE GET HER TO TELL US STUFF...

...LIKE WHAT COORO WAS LIKE WHEN HE WAS LITTLE?

SHE KNOWS COORO, RIGHT?

EVERYONE HAS THINGS THEY DON'T WANT PEOPLE ASKING ABOUT, RIGHT?

IF HE WANTED US TO KNOW, COORO WOULD TELL US HIMSELF.

DON'T GO PRYING INTO THINGS THAT ARE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

EVERY-ONE'S FLYING PRETTY FAST.

...JUST TO THE LEFT OF THAT MOUN-TAIN, HUH?

THE FIRST CHECK-POINT IS...

LET'S SEE

LIKE HE'S DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL +ANIMA SOMEHOW.

COORO'S KIND OF MYSTE-RIOUS, YOU KNOW?

BUT...

IF THINGS HADN'T TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY DID, I WOULDN'T HAVE TALKED ABOJT MYSELF, EITHER.

Hum-I-ating!

!!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?

PFFT! YOU'RE JUST SOFT!

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR RUNNING THIS RACE WHEN YOU'RE SUCH A PUSHOVER!

IN THE WILDERNESS, SOMETIMES YOU GET ATTACKED BY BANDITS, YOU KNOW?

IF I CAN JUST KEEP THIS PACE UP...!

I'M ALMOST AT THE FIRST CHECK-POINT!

WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?!

?

HMPH!

WHEN SOMEONE LOOKS TO BE YOUR RIVAL, THE ONLY THING TO DO IS *CRUSH THEM* EARLY ON!

MY BIG BRO TAUGHT ME THAT BEFORE HE DIED...!

HUH?

...OF THE HAWK +ANIMA, JESSO!

HE'S DANGEROUS!!

First Checkpoint

YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE THROUGH GOOD LUCK IN THE REST OF THE RACE!

NEXT IS

IT APPEARS I'VE FOUND MY NEXT RIVAL...HEH HEH...

A SWALLOW +ANIMA, EH?

H-HE SLASHED MY WING...!

THE FEATHERS ARE BENT...! I CAN'T FLY!

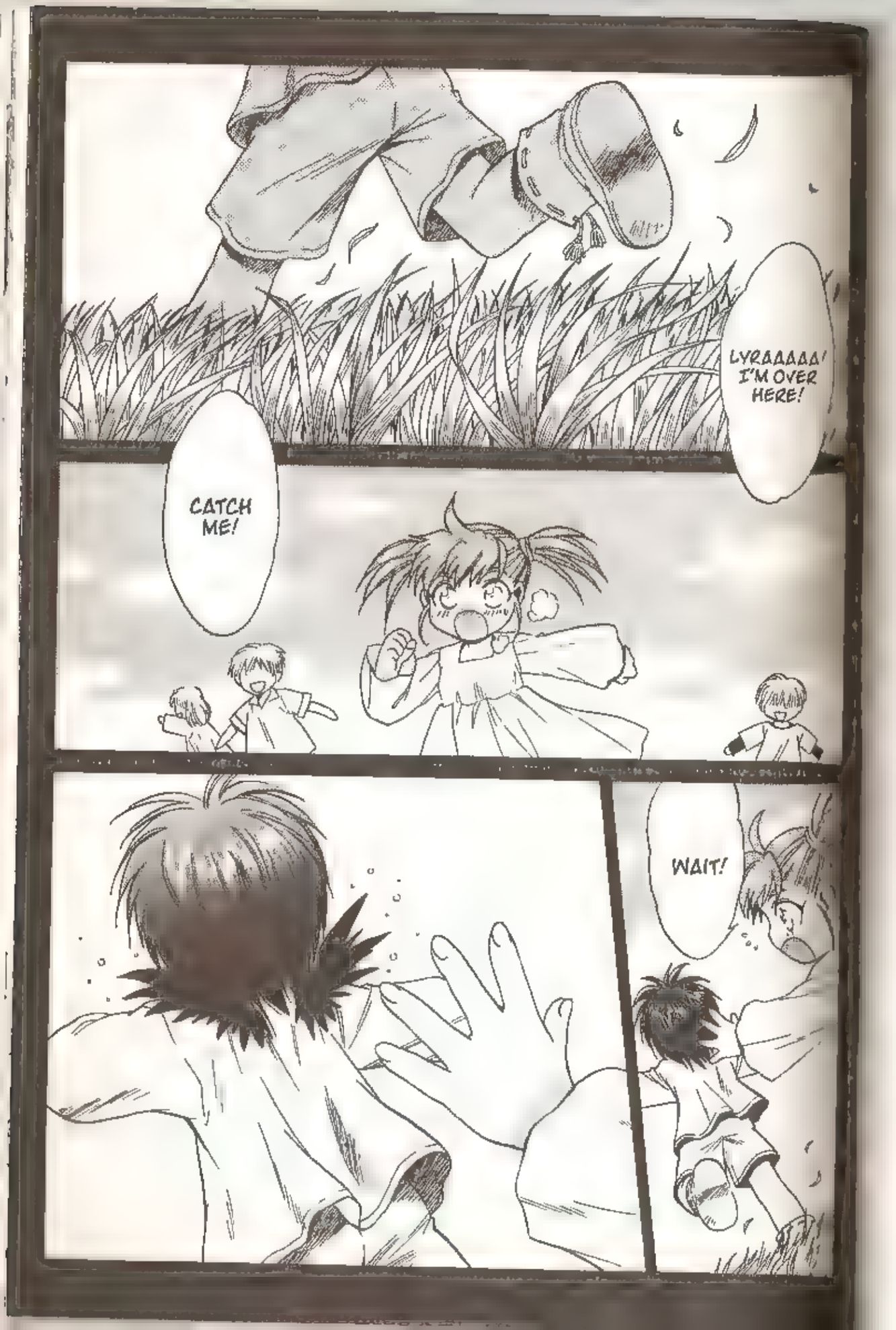
ARE YOU OKAY?

IF SO, THEN BE CAREFUL ...

ARE YOU IN THE RACE TOO?

AH!

I FOUND HIM!



Please don't hate me...

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Childhood Friends—Part 2

WAIT UP!!

No fair!

Awww!

NO FAIR, COORO!

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.....

BUT HE'S A GOOD KID.

I GUESS WE SHOULDN'T BELIEVE IN SUPER-STITIONS.

MESSENGERS OF DEATH HAVE BLACK WINGS LIKE THAT--OR SO THEY SAY

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I WONDER WHERE LYRA'S FLYING NOW?

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YUP! IT'S YUMMY!

TH-THAT'S GOOD.

D-DO YOU REALLY WANNA EAT SO MUCH?

THANKS! WELL, THEN, I'M GOING.

YEAH. WE SENT A RESCUE TEAM TO GET HIM. HE'LL BE FINE.

DID THEY GO HELP THE MAN THAT GOT HURT?

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Stitch Stitch

I-I WONDER HOW FAR COORO AND SENRI HAVE GOTTEN BY NOW?

I'M GONNA GO WANDER AROUND TOWN!

WHA--?!

I FEEL KIND OF...SHY.

I'M ALONE WITH HUSKY UNTIL TOMOR-ROW.

HE'S BEEN ON MY TAIL FOR A WHILE NOW.

IT'S THE HAWK +ANIMA THAT WAS INTIMIDATING EVERYONE.

I'LL TRY TO GIVE HIM THE SLIP!

I DON'T LIKE IT...!

MARCA.

OH, SIR!

No desire to approach her.

DID SHE COME TO SEE THEM ALL OR SOME-THING?

THERE'S A LOT OF +ANIMA GATHERED HERE FOR THE RACE

THAT'S THE BOY I MET! I'M SURE OF IT!

THE CROW +ANIMA, COORO...

HE IS INDEED COM-PETING.

COORO...

...WOULD BE SURPRISED TO SEE ME, I'M SURE.

WHEN YOU'RE ALONE WITH A GIRL, THERE'S USUALLY NOTHING BUT AWKWARD SILENCE!

ARRRGH!

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THAT GIRL...

Have This apple!

Yay

SHE'S THE ONE WHO SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FOR +ANIMA BECAUSE SHE LIKES THEM SO MUCH.

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...SO HE MUST HAVE KNOWN COORO BEFORE WE MET.

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS...

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HUH?!

THAT MAN KNOWS COORO, TOO?!

COME ON, TELL ME!

WHAT'S WRONG, HUSKY?!

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GUESS WHAT! THERE'S AN ACCESSORY SHOP OVER THERE!

OH! HUSKY, THERE YOU ARE!

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DARN IT! SHE'S ALL OVER THE PLACE!

THAT'S WHY...

I'VE STAYED ALIVE BY USING THE POWER OF MY +ANIMA TO *STEAL* OR *DO* WHATEVER IT TOOK TO *GET BY!*

...I'M GOING TO WIN THIS RACE--SO I CAN FINALLY LEAD AN *HONEST* LIFE!

I CAN'T SHAKE HIM...!!

SHE'S JUST MADE THIS MUCH EASIER...!

SHE'S PROBABLY TRYING TO GIVE ME THE SLIP--BUT SHE'S GETTING FARTHER AND FARTHER OFF COURSE.

FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP

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I CAN'T AFFORD

. TO LOSE, EITHER!

FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP

A L-LITTLE GIRL LIKE HER .TOOK ME.. O-OOWN?

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YOU CAN LAUGH STUPIDLY LIKE THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN A +ANIMA FROM THE BEGINNING!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, COORO

ALWAYS SMILING LIKE AN IDIOT!

YOU'RE NOT LIKE ME--I HAD TO WAIT TO GET A +ANIMA!!

KAW

AH, LYRA!

THERE YOU ARE!

H-HOW?!

C-COORO!!

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HUH?

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CRYING!

I HAVE TO WIN THE RACE!

HUH?

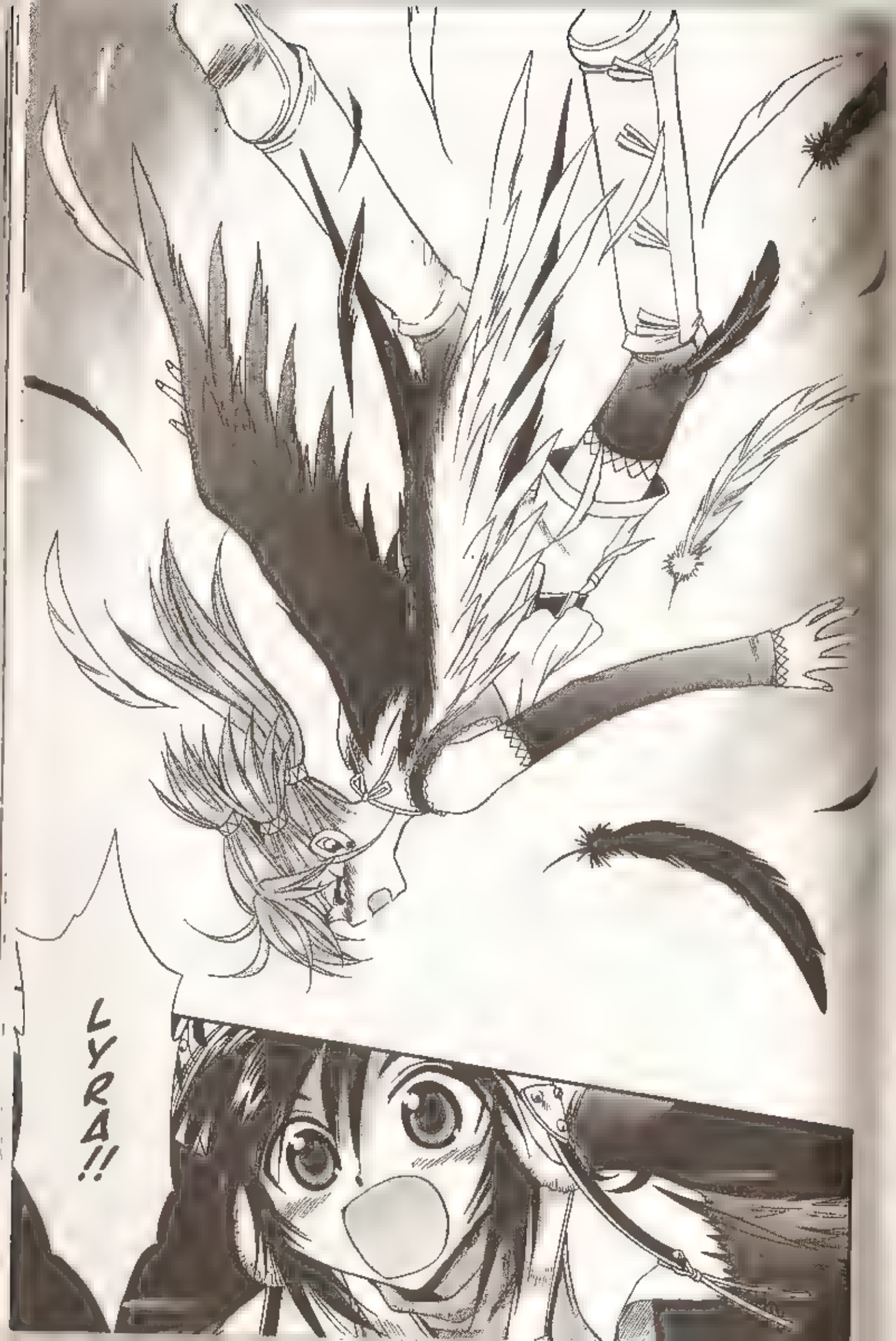
HUH?!

LYRA!!

...BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!

I THOUGHT THAT HAWK +ANIMA MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO YOU...

I FOLLOWED YOUR AURA, LYRA.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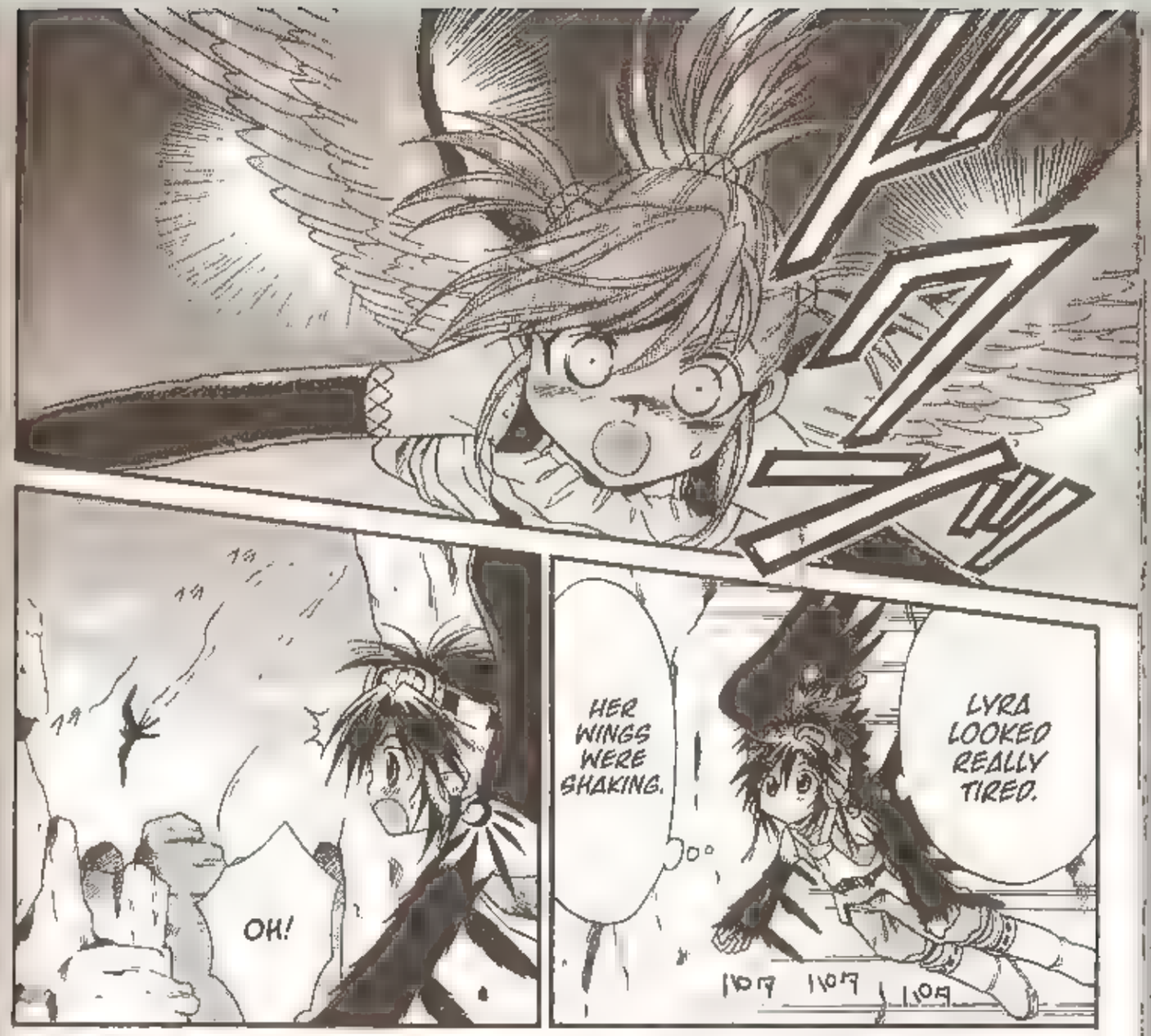
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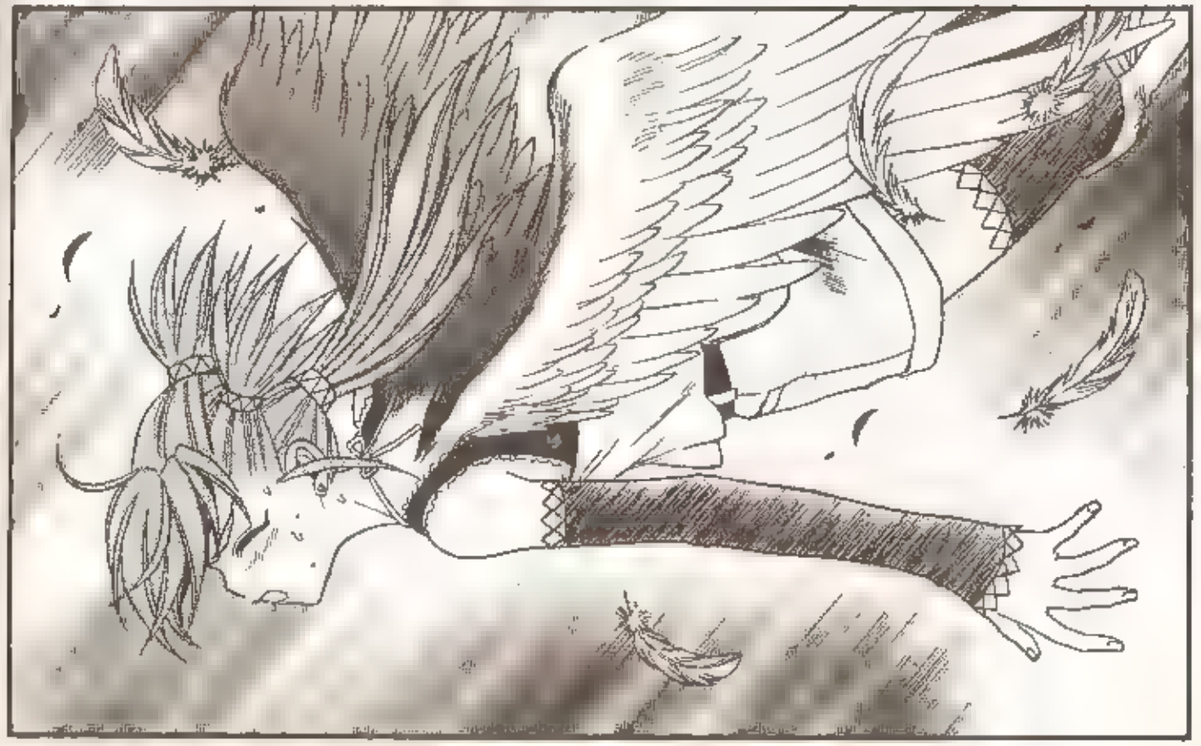
OH!
HER WINGS WERE SHAKING.
LYRA LOOKED REALLY TIRED.



OWW...

SENRI!

HUH?

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YOU CAN RELAX BETTER IF I'M NOT THERE, RIGHT LYRA?

HUH?

I'M GONNA FINISH THE RACE!

YOU'RE AS EASYGOING AS EVER.

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, COORO.

THE SWALLOW ANIMA...

UNGH ...

OH! LYRA!

YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH SENRI, SO DON'T WORRY!

SENRI SAYS HE'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO TOWN!

O-OKAY...

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Aaah

OH!

THE REST ARE JUST SCRATCHES.

I-I SPRAINED MY LEG...

GOOD! I'M GLAD NOTHING'S BROKEN.

LYRA! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

COORO'S BACK!

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BESIDES THE ONES WHO DROPPED OUT, THERE'S ONLY ONE RUNNER LEFT!

NUMBER SIX FINISHED!

NUMBER TWELVE FINISHED!

RIGHT.

NUMBER THIRTEEN, COORO RIGHT?

yay!

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AH! THERE HE IS!

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NUMBER THIRTEEN FINISHES IN ELEVENTH PLACE!

...I COULD BE A +ANIMA, TOO.

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THEY TOOK ME FROM THE CHURCH TO THE ROYAL RESEARCH FACILITY.

AND THERE, HE TOLD ME...

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WHAT D'YOU MEAN?

...HE'LL BE MAD AT ME.

BUT...

...WHAT WILL I DO? GETTING HURT LIKE THIS...

YOU MEAN YOUR +ANIMA?

THE HEAD OF RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT...

WHO DO YOU MEAN BY *HE?*

A MAN CALLED *FLY GREENA AIGHT.*

...WHICH CAUSED ME TO BECOME A SWALLOW +ANIMA.

HE *IMPLANTED* A +ANIMA INTO ME...

IT SEEMED LIKE THE TEACHERS WERE ALL NICER TO COORO, THE ONE WITH WINGS.

I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF COORO FOR HAVING WINGS EVER SINCE HE WAS A BABY.

I THOUGHT THAT IF I HAD AN ANIMA, EVEN THOUGH I DION'T HAVE PARENTS, I COULD DO *SOMETHING* DIFFERENT.

I-I...

HEY THERE.

IUSKY?

COORO! LET'S LEAVE THIS TOWN RIGHT AWAY!

I'M GONNA GO GET IT NOW!

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COORO!!

OOPS!

I DION'T GET MY PRIZE FOR RUNNING!

A MAN FROM THE RESEARCH FACILITY...

COULD IT BE...?

Is he a +Anima+ lover too?

Friend of the +Anima+ loving girl.

Wow!

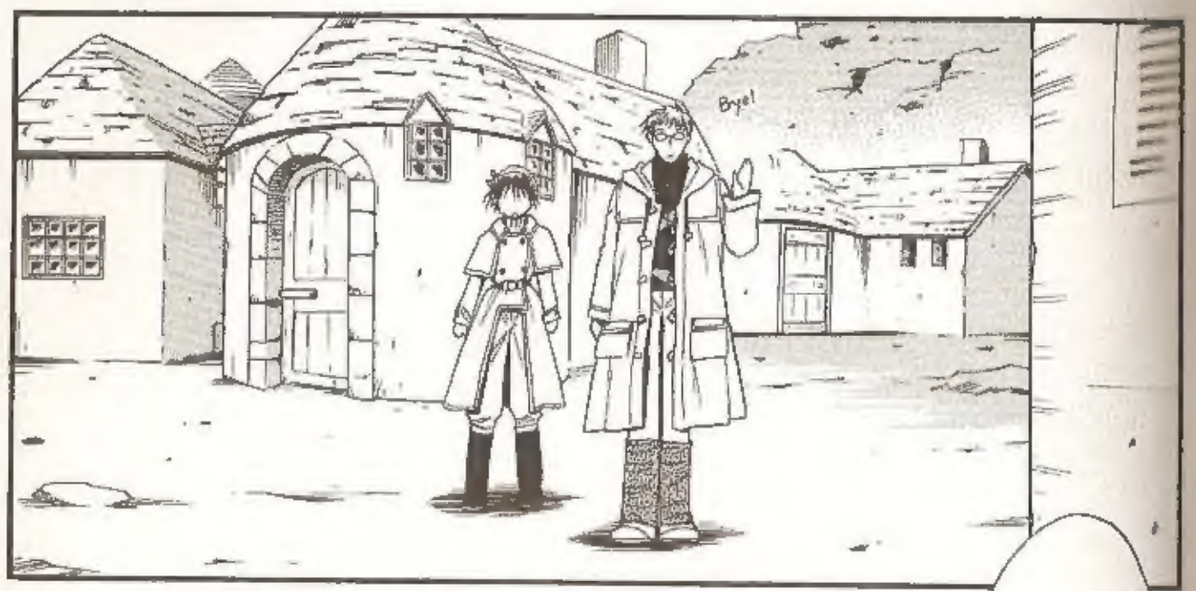
It's sweets and salt! ♡

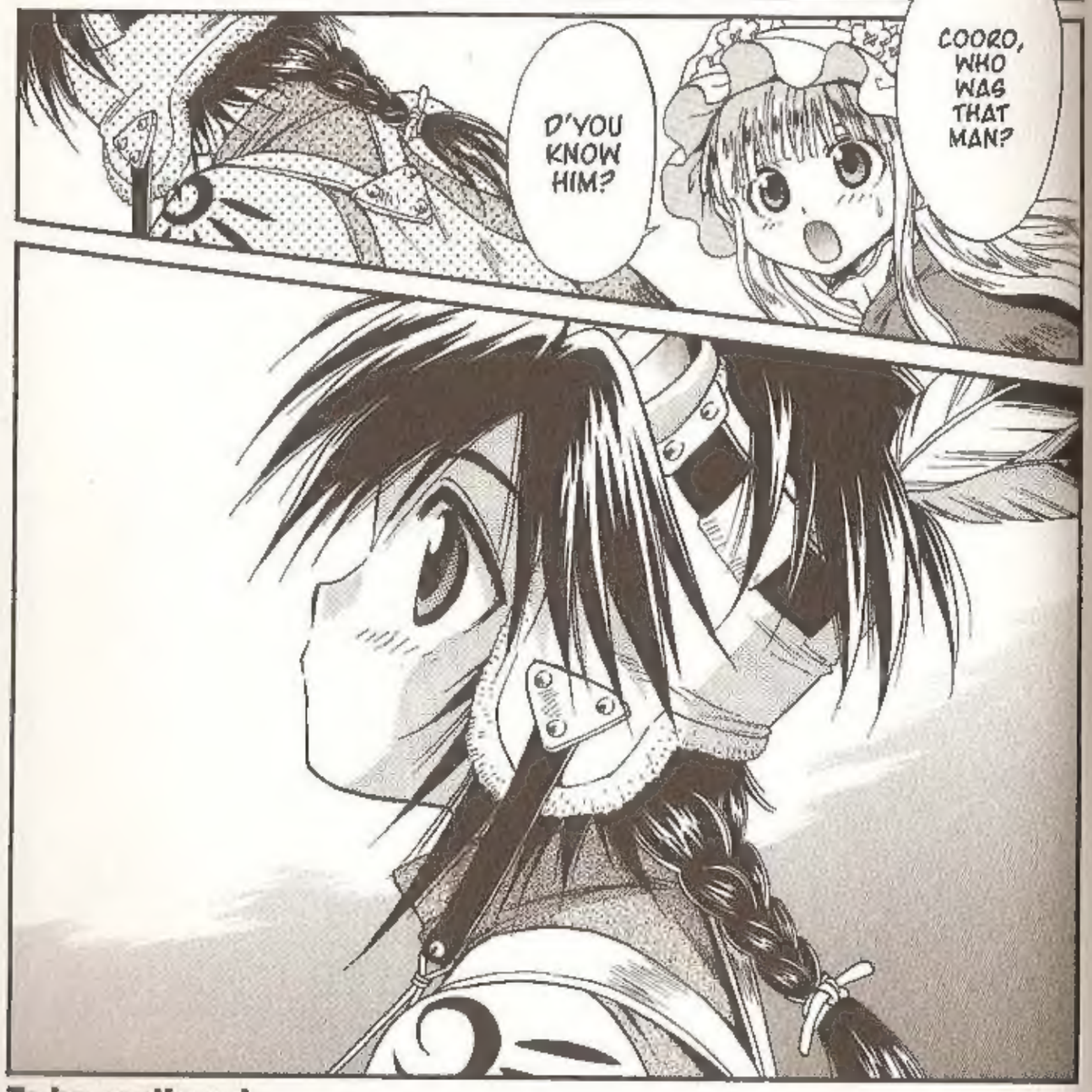
HERE'S YOUR PRIZE.

OH! YOU'RE NUMBER THIR-TEEN!

Yay! ♡

THANK YOU!





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SENRI

In this early rough, his arm isn't furry. All four of them were like this in the early stages of their designs.

Beads

Nana's clothing changes with the wind. I wanted to have her always wearing different clothing because she's a girl.

This skirt was knitted out of wool.

Ruffled petticoat and wool bloomers.

Eek!

She wears a shirt even when it's cold! That's part of her design.

1999.10.14

NANA

COORO

Sketch of Cooro from when the series was going to be in another magazine. The current Cooro doesn't make these faces, does he? This design depicts more of a cancelled, energetic boy than he is now.

+ANIMA
Early Rough Sketches

In the beginning I imagined him with a staff and cape. Maybe this is his way of distancing himself from others.

1999.10.7

HUSKY

+ANIMA™

COORO AND FRIENDS HEAD TO KILTER, TO THE CHURCH WHERE COORO WAS RAISED. AWAITING HIM ARE THE SECRETS TO HIS VERY EXISTENCE, AND FOR THE OTHER +ANIMA, THE OPPORTUNITY TO RID THEMSELVES OF THEIR ANIMALISTIC TRAITS. WILL SOME CHOOSE TO BECOME REGULAR HUMANS? FIND OUT IN THE 10TH AND FINAL VOLUME OF *+ANIMA!*

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